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Bronx Zoo Trip Gets Rave Reviews!



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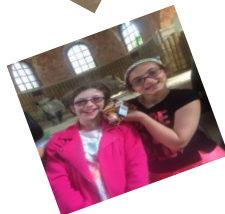
Hey everyone! Last Thursday, the 7th grade got to go on an exciting, nature filled field trip to the Bronx Zoo, and we have some great memories to share.

For all the 7th graders that came, we all saw many amazing animals, including the lions, polar bears, red pandas, cranes, flamingos, rhinos and monkeys!

We were lucky to see some very energetic red pandas and monkeys. Some of us even got to see two cute baby gorillas playing tag around a tree! There were many more animals there too.

We also got to go to the gift shop and buy some great souvenirs!

For transportation, we got to go on very comfy coach buses with lots of seats and space. This trip was great, and lots of people had a great time.



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April 21st was the 7th grade Bronx Zoo Trip.

The Bronx Zoo was very cool. It had many cool animals, such as the grizzly bear, polar bears, crocodiles, kopaki's, snow leopards and hyenas.

The buses arrived there at about 10:30 because of traffic. A lot of people like it. Personally, this is my first zoo that I have ever been to, so it was a lot of fun. I had no idea what I was expecting.

I have gone on a Safari, but this was a very different experience. Most students were very excited to see the tigers, reptiles, and polar bears. My favorite was the polar bear.

They even had the sea lion feeding. The zoo also contained, a reptile facility. It had turtles, crocodiles, alligators, snakes, such as, the python and the cobra. Some of them were hard to see, but once you saw them, they were very cool.

They even had a kopaki. A kopaki is an animal which has the body of a zebra and the head of a horse. I have never heard of one before. That is why they surprised me that they had it.

My group did not have a chance to see the elephants and the pandas, but we got to see the giraffe. Even though the giraffe was stuck in a corner, it had a really long neck. For some animals, I thought they were fake. But they weren't. The Bronx Zoo was a lot of fun.



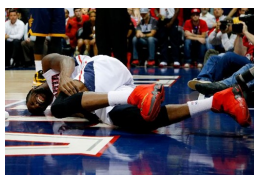
2016 NBA Playoffs Gaining Momentum



By Connor Fucci
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The NBA 2016 playoffs started out slowly but eventually got more exciting. There are 16 teams in the playoffs. There are eight from each conference. Eight teams from the East and eight teams from the West. Each series is the best out of seven in order to move on to the next round.

There has been some key injuries that have taken some of the excitement out. A few examples are Steph Curry, Isiah Thomas, Blake Griffin, and Chris Paul. The Spurs beat the Grizzlies in four games so they moved onto the second round. The Thunder beat the Mavericks in five games so they moved on also.



Right now there are a few other series that are competitive and are still going on. The defending champs, the Golden State Warriors, are going to struggle defending their title with their injured MVP Steph Curry.

The Clippers are going to have a tough time pulling out another win without Chris Paul and Blake Griffin with the series tied at two against the Trail Blazers.

The Raptors are up three to two in this series. The Hawks are up three games to two against the Boston Celtics.

While the playoffs did start slowly and there are some key injured players, there is still a lot of potential for good match ups. The playoffs are only going to get better as teams get eliminated.



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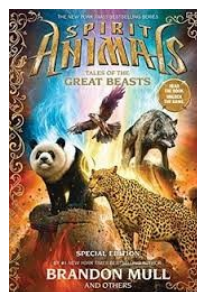
Hello readers! Hope you are all having a great week. Today, I have a great series called Spirit Animals: Fall of the Beasts.

This is the second Spirit Animals series, and right now as of 4/29, only has 3 books, but the last book is coming out soon.

This series is about kids who summon Spirit Animals. Four kids—Conor, Abeke, Meilin, and Rollan—are able to summon “Great Beasts” such as leopards, pandas, hawks and wolves, with whom they are bonded.

Now, more kids are summoning Great Beasts and these four have to find them. But an evil is also forming, and it is a race to which side finds them first.

I hope you are enjoying these book talks, and have a great week! Happy reading!



‘Walk for Autism’ Takes Place Tomorrow at SMS!



By Justin Vassallo
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All this week, SMS has been raising awareness of Autism. On Tuesday, the Somers Special Olympics team played against Ardsley in the SMS gym. On Wednesday, the weekly Advisory sessions focused on Autism and its effects.

Today, a student volunteer corps luncheon was held.

Tomorrow, the highlight will be the WALK FOR AUTISM which will take place during lunch.

At the beginning of 6th period, everyone who signed up will walk around the circle in between SIS and SMS. Walking will show your support for understanding families, friends and people around the world with autism.

Remember to wear **blue** on Friday!





Matt Kushner's 'Time Warp' Series

It is recommended that you read the previous chapter(s).

Chapter 9

As we approached the entrance to the electronic shop in the moonlight, we talked over our plan again and again, probably because I was an 'uncertified agent,' or what they called me. Personally, I had no idea what to do after we defeat the... whoever they are. How will I get back? What will I do if I am stuck here, in the 70's? And then, of course, there is what happened, or will happen, to the world when I get back. Or if I do get back?

"Okay guys. We went over the drill enough times. Let's do it!" I put on the fake D.E.F.E.N.D. suit while Treer and Flogger started setting up the mini-bombs.

"Here. This will give us a com-link at all times. So, if one of us needs help, and for any more reasons, we have this. Got it, shop keep?"

I gave Agent Treer the thumbs up. I was ready, and the two Wechsler agents looked all geared up.

"Let's do this!" Agent Flogger exclaimed, probably excited about the job ahead. I, on the other hand, knew with all my heart that I would fail. As long as I make it out alive.

"3." I was definitely going to die. "2." 100% sure of it. "1." You know what? Maybe I won't do this mission.

"Let's go! Mission start." Agent Flogger made a hole in the glass door with a laser-contraption and all three of us headed into the shop. It was truly too late.

"C'mon!" Agent Flogger said on the com-link. He was wearing some sort of helmet, and

actually he was wearing some sort of body suit. So was Agent Treer. I, on the other hand, was wearing a body suit that made me look exactly a D.E.F.E.N.D. agent.

All three of us entered through the same entrance that I used, but this time they used a lot of different gadgets to get through the doors that I had keys for.

There was the same factory, but this time the lights were off, and the main area was completely abandoned. This was going to be easier than I thought. "Agent Keep." Was that me?

"Harry! That's you!"

"Oh! Sorry. What do you need, Flogger?"

"Agent Keep, tune your com-link into the D.E.F.E.N.D. units' com-link. Like I showed you yesterday."

I did as Agent Flogger said, then ran silently to a spot on the main floor that looked like a patrol spot. I then took off my helmet and started Part B of the plan. Distract.

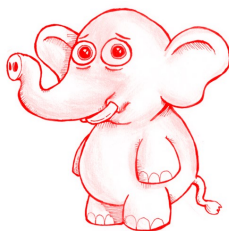
It was all very simple. Take out the grasshopper gun, and shoot one of the pieces of the machinery. Then make sure one D.E.F.E.N.D. unit saw my face, then put my helmet back on. The units wouldn't be able to tell which unit was fake. It would be complete maybe. And it is.

"Agent Treer to Keep. Tune your channel now. It will make you less noticeable to the D.E.F.E.N.D. units. We are inside the power core and are locked in, temporarily. Tune now."

I tuned my com-link to the D.E.F.E.N.D. units' com-link while I watched the D.E.F.E.N.D. units wreck the main factory floor. This was way easier than I thought.



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'Background Says It All' Can Change your Computer's Look!



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The Background Says it All! Is a new business created by JVJ! They have created stunning backgrounds for everyone.

I interviewed Julianna Aiello, one of the members of JVJ. "When did you start this business of yours?" I had asked.

"We had started this business around March," said one of the members JVJ. "We first started with simple backgrounds...just a flower and a name," she said.

"How did your business grow to be so big?" I asked.

"Well we started out with friends, then we moved on to making some for teachers. Soon we started making a website and made a lot more," she had answered.

The Background Says it All! is a hit! Response from people who got a background or ordered it online included...

"This is Amazing!"

"Thank You so Much!"

"I Love It!"

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Theory of Relativity 101



By Nitin Seshadri
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The theory of relativity was a theory by Albert Einstein that transformed physics and astronomy in the 20th century. It was first published in 1905. The theory of relativity may seem complex to most people, but in reality it is pretty simple. The theory of relativity concerns space, time, gravity and how they are intertwined together in what is known as the spacetime complex.

Before the theory of relativity can be explained, however, it must be known that Einstein published it in two parts: the Special Theory of Relativity and the General Theory of Relativity.

The Special Theory of Relativity

The special theory of relativity was the first part of the theory of relativity published by Albert Einstein in 1905. This section of the theory concerns how particles or entities interact with each other.

Here's an example: running. Imagine that a man is running at 99% of the speed of light and is racing a beam of light. According to relativity, he will never win because it is impossible to reach the speed of light. Also, if someone observing him were to take a video of him and analyze it, it would look as though the runner was compressed in length!

This phenomenon is called length contraction, as explained by relativity. Objects are measured to be shortened in the direction that they are moving with respect to the observer's reference frame.

The General Theory of Relativity

The general theory of relativity was the second part of the theory of relativity, published in 1916. This section of the theory concerns how

objects that are moving interact with gravity and how time can be "bent" when traveling closer and closer to the speed of light (299, 792, 458 meters per second) or when near a black hole or other gravitational source.

Let's start with a simple example: clocks and time. Imagine that you are orbiting a black hole (a collapsed star that has immense gravity). You drop a clock with blue numerals on it towards the black hole and notice that, as it falls into the black hole, the time on it is actually running slower than your clock on the space ship and the numerals are turning red. What can explain this phenomenon? Time dilation, as explained by relativity.

A fast-moving clock actually runs slower than a stationary* clock. This is why any clock on an airplane (this includes computer and phone clocks as well) that has not been synchronized periodically will eventually run slow by a few minutes. As to why the numerals are turning red? This phenomenon is called gravitational redshift.

This means that any object accelerating away from you will turn redder as it gets faster (you can't see this on Earth because the speeds that vehicles go at (60 – 300mph) isn't fast enough to produce any visible difference in color).

Conclusion

The theory of relativity redefined the thinking of physics and astronomy. It superseded theories of space, time and gravity published over 200 years ago by Isaac Newton. No one knows whether the theory of relativity can or will be disproved in the near future. The theory of relativity is the de facto standard in understanding the space-time complex.

**Note: Stationary is only a relative term. An observer on the ground will think a moving clock in space is slower whereas an observer in space will think the clocks on the ground are slower because they are moving in relation to his reference frame (the space ship). Both observers are actually correct!*

