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Rain Can't Dampen Caramoor Trip

By Hunter Duffy
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Rain everywhere, mud on the ground, and cold kids. The perfect day for a field trip!

At least that was the case for the sixth grade trip to the Caramoor Center for the Arts in Katonah on Wednesday, May 4.

According to its website, *"Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts is a destination for exceptional music, captivating programs, spectacular gardens and grounds, and wonderful moments with friends and family. It enriches the lives of its audiences through innovative and diverse musical performances of the highest quality."*

Its mission also includes mentoring young professional musicians and providing educational programs for young children centered around music."

Despite the weather we all had a great time. We

got to learn about falcons and how they were used for hunting. We also got to meet three falcons

and an owl. Then we went to the

Rosen house, where they taught us about paintings, statues, and architecture in the Renaissance. We learned how people posed for paintings and about the usage of columns.

Then we went to another building to learn about music and acting. We heard the amazing musicians, singers and actors performing using characters and instruments from the middle ages to the Renaissance.

Finally, after lunch, we saw a very funny show. You might of thought that the weather would've ruined our day but we still had fun.



Maker Space Magic!

Multi Purpose Classroom Sparks Creativity; Innovation

By Mr. Matthew Lugo
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Special to the Tusker Tribune

Students in the SMS Maker Club have been working hard all school year to turn the former computer lab (SMS room 130) into the new SMS Makerspace.

The SMS Makerspace is a "sand box" space that is dedicated to providing students with the time, tools and materials needed to invent, create, make, experiment and collaborate. This engineering design (STEAM) space will allow students to experience the real-world, hands-on connections between all



subject areas.

Through the Maker Club students' hard work and dedication, the room is now one of the most exciting rooms in the middle school.

The room is equipped with hand tools, a 3D printer, a presentation stage, custom work tables, a STEAM material supply cart, a recyclable supply cabinet made from old school tables, an earthquake shake table, a bicycle students can pedal to create electricity, a wind tube, computers, and a GoPro for movie creation.

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POETRY *In Motion*



By Remi Saad
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*I sit alone at the playground table;
Drawing my feelings.*

*I look up,
my crush turned around looking at another.
No eyes, no face, no contact.*

*I sit alone at the playground table;
Drawing my feelings.*

*I look up,
My crush turned around drooling
over another.
No eyes, no face, no contact.*

*I sit alone at the playground table;
Drawing my feelings.*

*I look up,
A boy walking towards my crush's
crush.
No eyes, no face, no contact.*

*I sit alone at the playground table,
Drawing my feelings.*

*I look up,
Only to see my crush turned*

*around,
Tears in his eyes,
No eyes, no face, no contact.*

*I sit alone at the playground table,
Drawing my feelings.*

*I look up,
5 seconds of eye contact with my crush,
Eyes, face and contact,*

*Another follows;
He's turned around again.*

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Volkman's Music Mayhem!

*A weekly
compilation of
popular tunes*



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1. **One Dance** (feat. Wizkid & Kyla) - Drake
2. **Panda** - Desiigner
3. **Don't Let Me Down** (feat. Daya) - The Chainsmokers
4. **Messin' Around** (feat. Enrique Inglesias) - Pitbull
5. **CAN't STOP THE FEELING** - Justin Timberlake
6. **Too Good** (feat. Rihanna) - Drake
7. **This Is What You Came For** (feat. Rihanna) - Calvin Harris
8. **7 Years** - Lukas Graham
9. **Work From Home** (feat. Ty Dolla \$ign) - Fifth Harmony
10. **NO** - Meghan Trainor
11. **Work** (feat. Drake) - Rihanna
12. **Formation** - Beyonce
13. **Kiss It Better** - Rihanna
14. **Let It Go** - James Bay
15. **I Took A Pill In Ibiza** (Seeb Remix) - Mike Posner
16. **Be As You Are** (Jordan XL Remix) - Mike Posner
17. **Dangerous Woman** - Ariana Grande
18. **Close** (feat. Tove Lo) - Nick Jonas
19. **Needed Me** - Rihanna
20. **PILLOWTALK** - ZAYN

****Top 20 Songs as of 5/12/16***



Matt Kushner's 'Time Warp' Series

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

Chapter 10

After 5 seconds of listening in the D.E.F.E.N.D. units' com-link, I heard a voice that sounded like no one I've ever heard before.

"Computer to All D.E.F.E.N.D. units. Re-assignment. Get into Power Core by any means. Find two fugitive humans and terminate. Repeat. Get into Power Core by any means. Find two fugitive humans and terminate. Connection severed." And so, right after I heard the words *connection severed*, I immediately ran to the first door that I found on the wall, then I placed a bomb, then held the button on it for exactly three seconds, and then I repeated the same thing. It was a routine that was surprisingly easy. Find a new room, place a bomb in the middle of the room, and then I held the button for exactly three seconds.

Just repeat the routine, over and over again.

Find a new room.

Place a bomb in the middle of the room.

Hold the button for exactly three seconds.

Find a new room.

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"AGENT KEEP!" It was Agent Treer. I had a feeling something had gone wrong. "COME DOWN TO THE POWER CORE! THEY GOT IN! WE NEED YOU! HELP US! PLEASE! GET HERE! COME! PLEASE! GET DOWN HERE! PLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLLL..."

I need to leave this place. I didn't even want to be here. I was dragged along, against my

will, to help with this mission. And now, the mission has failed. I have to leave. Anywhere.

Okay, just relax. You know what you're doing. Just come on, take one of the time machines so I can get home, and just... get out of here.

"You're too late, agent keep. We already set it off." Now I really have to book it out of here.

I sprinted to where I first entered this place. Focus. Run up the stairs, turn the doorknob, open the door. Run through the hallway, turn the doorknob, open the door.

As I jogged on the sidewalk as far away from the electronic shop, I rummaged through my pockets to make sure I had everything I brought with me. My apartment and shop keys, my past wife's locket, my phone which I tried to avoid so I didn't ruin time, and my detonator for the bombs which I didn't use.

"Agent Keep, if you are still there, we are too late. They had a plan B. Our mission failed. At least I set the Power Core to overload. Agent Flogger, out for the last time."

I could still use the detonator.

All I had to do was hold the detonator, and hold it for three seconds, like all the bombs, and then it would just...

BOOM.

You could even hear the explosion from outside and around 10 meters away from the electronic shop. Maybe our mission didn't fail at all.

With the last time machine in the world in my left hand, and my right hand still holding the detonator, I decided that I had a new mission.

To give the last time machine to a shopkeeper that I knew very well.

End of Part 1



The End is Near!!!! Yay!!!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



May 18th, 19th & 20th:
8th Grade visits Wash-
ington, DC
May 18th & 19th: 5th
grade visits SMS
May 25th: ILS Lab
Assessment
May 25th: Chorus/
Orchestra Concert
May 26th: Living His-
tory Day
May 27th-30th: Schools
Closed (Memorial

Weekend)

June 2nd & 3rd: ES Regents Lab Practical
June 8th: Band Concert
June 9th & 10th: 6th-8th PE Final (in class)
June 13th -17th: 7th Grade World Language Fi-
nal (one piece per day)



June 13th: 8th
Grade Social Stud-
ies exam
June 14th: 7th
Grade Math final
June 14: Yearbook
Distribution
June 15th: 6th & 7th
Grade Math final
June 16th: Algebra

Regents

June 16th: 6th & 7th Science final
June 17th: Earth Science Regents (AM)
June 17th: Geometry (PM)
June 17th: 7th Social Studies final
June 17th: 6th Grade Health
June 20th: 7th Health final
June 20th: 6th Grade Social Studies final
June 20th: FLACS Exam
June 20th: 8th Grade Graduation practice, 8th
Grade Dance at
Villa Barone (7-
9PM)



June 20th: 7th
Grade Splash-
down trip
June 21st:
*Raindate for
7th Grade
Splashdown trip
June 22nd: ½
day (dismissal
at 11:30AM)
June 22nd: 8th Grade Graduation (2:00PM)
June 23rd: Last day of school for 6th/7th Grade
(1/2 day – dismissal at 11:30AM)

Maker Space

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The room has been painted bright green for the creation of green screen movies.

The students are very proud of the building and painting work they accomplished. They are excited to start using the space they created more and more in the future. The room will constantly be improved through the building of more creative projects.

BELOW: Scenes of Inventiveness in the Maker Space





By Peyton DiSiena
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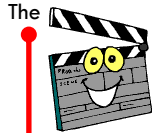
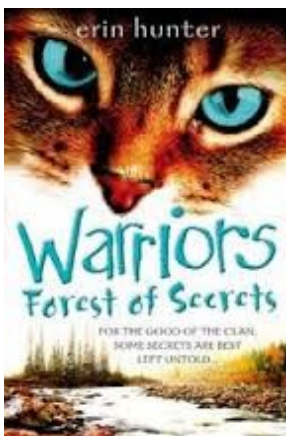
Hello readers! Today, I have a great review on the book, Warriors: Forest Of Secrets by Erin Hunter.

Now, in this book, Fireheart and his friend Graystripe have completed the quest to find WindClan, but Fireheart is seeing Graystripe sneak out of camp a lot, and is confused about this.

Fireheart tries to ask his friend, but Graystripe constantly refuses, so it is up to Fireheart to find out why Graystripe is leaving before it is too late. I have read this book, and it is a great book to learn about some of the characters, especially if you haven't read the first book.

It also reveals some great secrets, hence the name. All in all, I highly recommend this book. But, since this is the third book in the series, you should read the first two books (I have done Book Talks on them before too), Into The Wild and Fire And Ice.

If I had to rate this book, it would be an 8 out of 10, and is recommended for people who are into action, fantasy, and a bit of adventure and mystery. See you later readers, and happy reading!



Movie Review: **Captain America Civil War**



By Daniel Tellez
Tusker Tribune Staff

Spiderman fan right here, and this has got to be the best on-screen Spiderman and Peter Parker I have seen. Tom Holland, great job.

He isn't in the movie for very long but now I'm interested to see where they go with him, because he was excellent.

What is it About?

So, Captain America Civil War is the third Captain America movie, the second Captain America movie directed by the [Russo Brothers](#). They also directed [Captain America The Winter Soldier](#).

In this movie tensions are rising, and governments and countries out there are thinking to themselves, maybe the Avengers need to be controlled. From there comes a divide. There are two sides to that opinion. There are pro's and cons here, pros and cons there.

Tony Stark picks one side. He's like yea we should be controlled. Captain America's side is like, once the control starts were does it stop and also raises a lot of other good points. Point is, they both have different ideologies on the subject and now the Avengers are dividing and they all start picking sides. Thus, the civil war.

The Good

It would be so easy to just make a movie, have everyone suit up at the beginning, fight, fight, fight and then done, the movie could be

over. But no this movie builds up tension throughout the movie, you do see both sides.

I was team cap, but you do see both sides and that's what this movie does so well. It makes you feel as stuck as the characters in the movie.



Black Panther and Spiderman are introduced in this movie and they are both great. I will say one thing, this movie has the greatest, all star, royal superhero fight ever. You know the fight's coming throughout the whole movie and when it

does happen it is absolutely perfect. All the personalities, all the weapons, all the powers clash and it's insanely entertaining.

The Bad

This movie is exciting, has amazing action and is funny. There however, are some flaws. It's little things, but there are flaws. The villain in this movie was stupid. There was absolutely no need for a villain in this movie.

There were also some scenes were everything got confusing, but I forgive it because this movie, as I said has the best battle sequence ever.

But in the End...

This movie is great, I loved it. All the characters were entertaining, the action was exciting, there were funny moments where the movie needed it to be funny. This movie is the perfect example of why Marvel is so damn great. Even if you're not a Marvel fan you'll still enjoy this movie.

Rating
10/10