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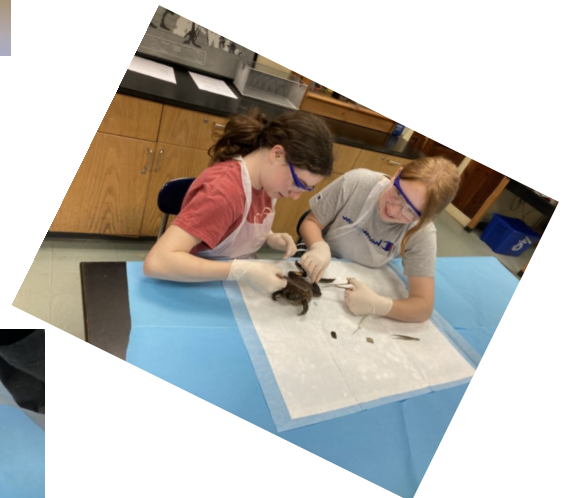
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SCHOOLS OUT

## Dissection Perfection!

*Seventh graders in Mr. Wilbert's class and in Mrs. Manko's class experienced the fun of dissecting frogs last week. You have to admit—this is one lesson that's a "cut" above the rest!*



## 'Stringstravaganza' is Tonight!



**By Ruby McDowell  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

School's winding down, work is more relaxed, but there is still one more event that is happening. The Stringstava-ganzsa.

It is a concert with the high school, middle school, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from SIS. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be doing one piece by themselves. The middle school is doing "The Spongebob Theme Song", and 6<sup>th</sup> grade is playing "Themes from Harry Potter". The high school will be doing some piece themselves, too. And the middle school Rockestra, a group that plays non-classical music, will be performing, too.



But we have one piece we are doing all together. "Greater Than" is a two page masterpiece, in which all the parts are interwoven in such an intricate way. The high schoolers will be playing the A part (e.g., Violin 1A, 2A) which is more difficult since it involves shifting. The Middle School is playing the B part (e.g., 1B, 2B) This part is still quite difficult since it involves slurring the notes, and part 1B has a high-pitched harmonic. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders have the C part. This part is still quite difficult for a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, but a step down from the B part. There is minimal slurring, and eight notes from the look of it. The Stringstravaganza is a rare celebration of musical talent across the grades.

## Nature Teens—A Play



**By Jessica Borrell  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

**Narrator:** A trio of teenagers go on an adventure in the woods, and while the group meets a lot of animals and make new discoveries, this story is a little different. It's written as their script. The three people are Madison, Taylor and Matt.

Madison: Someone tell me why I'm doing this with you two lovebirds again?

Taylor: Look Mads, you didn't have to do this!

Madison: You said if I did, you'd buy me lunch every day at school.

Taylor: Good thing it's our last year of high school then! *Taylor winks.*

*Madison starts to look upset once she notices Taylor and Matt are holding hands, but she can't say a word.*

Matt: Catch up Maddy! *Madison starts to jog a bit to catch up with him. Not Taylor. Him. Matt is now in between the two girls.*

Taylor: This view is perfect! I think we should take some pictures. Hey, Mads do you mind taking a picture of me and Matt? *Madison thinks back to all the times Tay has done this to her, but she doesn't want or need to lose a friend over this.*

Madison: Of course, could you and I take a picture also, Tay?

Taylor: Of course! *Madison takes the phone and takes two pictures of Taylor and Matt, one of them smiling and one of them kissing. Taylor's phone just then runs out of juice.*

Madison: Oh Tay, your phone just ran out.

Taylor: Oh... you got the picture of us, right?

Madison: Yeah...



Taylor: Okay that's good-

Madison: Mhm, no, yeah definitely is. Keep walking, shall we? *Madison starts speed walking ahead of them. Taylor tells her to slow down, and she doesn't. Matt tells her to slow down, and she does. Taylor starts to become questionable.*

Taylor: Hey Matt, shouldn't we take a quick break? I'm a bit sleepy so I think you and me should rest! I can call Maddy.

Taylor: Hey Maddy! Me and Matt are taking a rest! *Madison doesn't pay attention.*

Matt: Maybe I should try?

Taylor: Ok.

Matt: Hey Maddy! Me and Tay are taking a quick rest! After, all of us can look for fruits!

*Madison turned around and came over. Taylor knew but she wanted to let this play along a bit longer, she felt Madison hadn't been the best friend to her either.*

*\*Five minutes later\**

Matt: Okay, let's start looking for some fruits now.

Taylor: Sounds good but, you two go. I need another minute of rest.

Madison: Okay, come on Matt. *Matt and Madison don't have to walk too far from where Taylor is to find some delicious looking fruit.*

Matt: Okay, the fruits to the left don't look poisonous. Should we grab them?

Madison: Yes, these are perfect Matt. Just like-

Matt: Just like what?

Madison: Oh nothing... *Madison trips close to Matt dropping the fruit she once thought was the best thing on the trip.*

**SCENE 1 DONE**

## We're Off to New Challenges!!!



By Akosua Adobebe-Wiredu  
Tusker Tribune Staff

Wow. Hi guys. It's still kind of unbelievable that it's my last time saying hi guys in the Tusker Tribune.

Honestly, I can't believe we 8<sup>th</sup> graders are going into high school. Graduation is exactly in a week. Okay generally, I can't believe all of us are going up a grade level. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are going into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are going into 8<sup>th</sup> grade. It's all so surreal.



It's like yesterday was my first day of school here and I was so lost. I remember being so stressed with the schedule because it kept switching every day. Time flies. And now I'm going to be in the SHS building in three months. I'm going to miss writing in this newspaper and I guess this is going to be my farewell (lol).

Thanks, Mr. Pappas, for making this all possible. Y'all should go out and get some fresh air during the summer!

Also make sure you read some of the book recommendations from the past stories as well. 'Bye guys!!!

## How 'STAR' Will You Go?



Emil Klein



Carolina Morocho Lopera



Evan Stanczuk



Henry Sposito



Ava Milani



Alex Gallino



Nolan Frankie



Isabella Goulart



Loghan Dwyer



Liam Barret



Ella Jaykus



Kwaku Wiredu-Mensah



Hazel Sledzik



Jenna Panebianco



Colin Romanowicz



Giuliana Valenza



Grace Phalen



Colin Foley



Brynn Robinson



Talia Zeitchick



Ava Kovalyk



Lorenzo Indusi

***A STAR award stands for Students who are Role Models and the following students have been caught doing something that deserves the STAR recognition for this month! Great job to all of our Stars – keep up the positive behavior – it makes our school a better place!***



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## Wall of Fame—THANKS to all of our FANTASTIC WRITERS this year!

Ava Schmidberger  
Akosua Adobea-Wiredu  
Reagan Ciccone  
Jessica Borrell  
Alexa Stupplebeen  
Charlotte Senitta  
Katelyn Kourakos  
Jayden Thomas  
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*Have a  
WONDERFUL  
SUMMER  
BREAK!*

*—The Tusker  
Tribune Staff*



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