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Students returning from holiday break were greeted with this impressive tile display, assembled by the custodians, and consisting of tiles designed and created by the SMS 8th Grade Class of 2020.

Editor's Note: The next several issues of  will have a decidedly "new year" and "reflection" focus, so enjoy reading as we embark on 2021!



2021 Should Be the Year Things Start to Open Up!



**By Vince Pomponi
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I think that 2020 was OK, but still bad. The only good thing about it was the fact that I still had a chance to see my cousins from Florida, and play baseball.

But I think that 2021 is going to be better because maybe now that they came out with a vaccine, they might start giving it to people and this covid-19 will go away and things will start to open up and we can get



back to our normal lives and go see family who live far away.

Or, if it all goes away, we could have normal holidays and go see family or we could finally go back to see Yankee games because in 2019, in the summer, my family and I went to at least four Yankee games, and one of those was with my cousins who live in Florida. So now, with the vaccine, they might start to open baseball games where you could actually go to.

That is why I think that 2021 can be a lot better than 2020

2020 Was Both Good and Bad



**By Matt Giudice
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I think 2020 was a terrible year for me. But I also think it was good for me.

During quarantine, I could spend more time with my family and spend more time with my dog. I had free time at home. But I also couldn't go outside with my family and friends. I still could play with my friends playing video games, but I couldn't see them in person, which sucks.

It was also very boring during quarantine because I was just stuck in the house all day. I think 2021 will be better than 2020 because a vaccine will come out, and people will feel a little less worried about the vaccine and Covid 19.

What I want to do in 2021 is take care of our dog and do a few more chores. I think people feel a little more relaxed about Covid this year than they were when it first



2021 Is Going To Be Better Than 2020



**By Juliet Gherardi
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I believe that 2021 is going to be better than 2020 because so many bad things have happened during 2020.

I think 2021 will be better than 2020 because in 2020, the coronavirus took so many lives of people across the globe. There were also riots, protests, and the Australia wildfires. I believe that 2021 will be a better year because it will be a fresh start for some people.

I also believe 2021 will be a better year than 2020 because more people will be getting the vaccine for Covid 19. Hopefully this year will be safer than 2020. That is why I believe 2021 will be better than 2020.

This is How 2021 Can be Better than 2020



**By Jazlyn DeJesus
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I think 2021 can be a better year for me because I learned from my past mistakes in 2020. For example, I didn't join a lot of Zoom classes and I became confused with the work we had to do, so one of my goals for myself in 2021 is to join Zoom classes no matter what.

I also learned how to be more positive and patient so going into 2021, I can be calm, cool and collected and walk into 2021 without having bad energy.

The year 2021 can also be a good year because I can have a fresh start and become a better person. In addition, as I said earlier, I can work on my school grades and attendance and a lot more.

I look forward to seeing my friends and having a lot of fun this year.



2020 Month by Month (Almost)



**By Kieran Ryan
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So 2020, I've been trying to think of some things that happened this year and I've been having a hard time thinking of them.

But I could definitely think of some bad things that have happened. For starters, in our first month of the year, we lost Kobe and COVID-19 started in the USA. Then in February, we almost started World War 3. Now March, I'd say, was the worst because that's when quarantine started. Nothing bad in April happened except for all sports in New York and professional sports being shut down.

Now in May, there were BLM protests and George Floyd died. In June, it was not terrible for me because it was my birthday and school ended, but the protests picked up.

In July, the Nantes Cathedral caught on fire. Now I could go on but I don't want to because I have written enough words, but so much more bad stuff happened in 2020.



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2020 Brought Families Together



**By Angie Perez
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There is some good stuff that came out of 2020. If you are wondering what I mean, this is what I mean.

A couple of families who normally don't see each other because maybe one of the kids is at college and the parents are at work, but if they are home, they are working from home and see each other more.

Maybe the youngest pair of kids are around the same age and go to the same school. They can have a lot of homework and don't talk to each other anymore. My guess is that it was a lot more different before COVID-19.

It's difficult for a lot of people in this situation. Everybody now happens to be at home, learning from home, working from home, etc.



Maybe the person from college is home now and gets to see their family more, and the kids close to each other's age get to know each other more from staying home more.

Since the parents are working from home, they get to see each other and their family. What I'm trying to explain right now is how COVID-19 didn't ruin everything; it sort of brought families together and now they get to spend more time together.

Covid isn't that bad, you know?

It brought people together. Maybe the random family I was talking about now has game nights every Friday. Maybe they watch movies together as a family. The person from college still has their studies but makes more time for their family since they are home. The things you take for granted are the things you love the most.

Lots of Re-Openings As Virus Starts to Fade



**By Justin Williams-Conroy
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My resolution for 2021 is that the coronavirus will end. Every single person on the planet and animals can finally join each other and have family time again.

No one on the planet will have to quarantine for as long as we must. We can hang out with friends more often. People in the hospitals can recover, hopefully. Places we can't go to will reopen such as football stadiums, basketball courts, airports, schools, markets, stores, library's, work offices, tennis courts, and even more places we can't go to right now.



Train stations can open again. **Disney Land!!!** Amusement parks can open again. My brother's college will open again. Space stations, museums, farms, tourist sites, volleyball courts, archery competitions, circuses, music concerts, baseball stadiums, and so on.

Famous artifact sites will open again so people can visit them. Jazz clubs can be opened. One of my most favorite places that can reopen is ice skating places.

Just Get Rid of COVID



**By Troy Rossi
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2021 can be better than 2020 if there was no more COVID. If the virus goes away, there would be no more wearing masks and we can have parties again. Being able to hang out with family member and friends would be much better in 2021.

Hopefully, places will open up inside. Places like restaurants will have more tables and more people can eat together. My friends and I will be able to go watch movies at movie theaters. All sports will come back, outdoor as well as indoor sports. Also we will have so much more fun at recess in school so we can play with equipment.

2020, why were you such a bad year? I thought it was going to be the best year ever but then you made COVID so much worse and we couldn't see anyone. In months, just play video games inside and go outside. You were the worst year ever 2020.

Time traveler: What year is it?
Me: 2020
Time traveler:



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