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Spring Ahead this Sunday; Change Smoke Alarm Batteries!



Get Ready for World Language Day March 12!



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Attention Somers Middle School! As you may know, World Language Day is coming up, next Thursday, March 12.

If you don't know what World Language Day is at SMS, it is a celebration in which we celebrate our foreign countries—France, Spain, Portugal, Mexico, Colombia, Italy, and Argentina.

Each class will have to make a presenta-

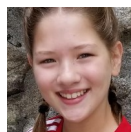


SMS, all day long!

tion about a country, that is related to the language and speaks it. To be clearer, if you take Spanish, your project will be on a Spanish-speaking country.

In addition, at this celebration, you will eat foreign foods, learn about their culture, play cultural games relating to that country, and more! So make sure to be there, you won't want to miss it. It takes place in all of the World Language Classrooms on the second floor of

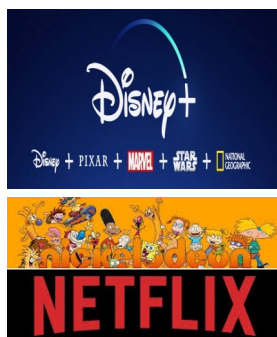
Is NetFlix/Nickelodeon A Threat to Disney?



**By Allison O'Connor
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Is the partnership between Netflix and Nickelodeon trying to take down Disney???

Netflix is taking on the Disney+ challenge by partnering with Nickelodeon, which will produce original content, including films and TV shows, for Netflix to stream. This happened days after Disney launched Disney+, which is that



company's streaming initiative.

This is interesting because now there is a tension between Disney and Netflix + Nickelodeon. But why did Nickelodeon partner with Netflix even though you can watch Nickelodeon on other streaming services, too, like on Roku – Amazon Fire, for example.

If Nickelodeon wanted to compete with Disney, why didn't they make their own streaming service like Disney??

There are so many questions that are unanswered.

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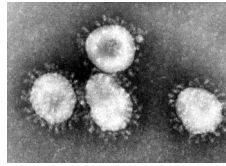
Coronavirus Update



**By Joseph Melillo
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Coronavirus is on the rise, with more and more cases popping up, locally and nationally. Should we be worried?

With 22 cases in New York, and 18 of those in Westchester, of course people should be taking some precautions, like washing hands and coughing into their arms, but we shouldn't be panic. The reason is because for most healthy people, this virus is not really a big threat, as most of the people who have been diagnosed or have died are well into their 50s and

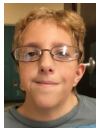


above.

However with price of hand sanitizer on the rise, which is making even more people panic, some situations are getting out of hand. Two school districts have closed their schools for a few days, while they disinfect the building, and will reopen on March 9. However, many schools will still decide to remain open, unless a direct executive order from Governor Andrew Cuomo states that schools should close.

So the bottom line here is to not panic, stay away from people with the virus, and continue living on daily life, with, of course, a few extra precautions.

A Memorable NBA All Star Game



**By Mike Abrams
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On February 16th Team Giannis battled Team LeBron in the 69th NBA All-Star game. It was a thriller from the opening tip.

New Format

The first three quarters were 12 minutes long and the score reset after each quarter. The winning team of each quarter would donate \$100,000 to a charity of choice.

Team LeBron won 2 out of the 3 quarters meaning they donated \$200,000 to their charity of



choice. The last quarter was untimed and the players had to get to a target score of 24 points in the quarter in honor of Kobe Bryant.

The Outcome

Team LeBron pulled off an epic comeback, eventually winning 157-156 on a game-winning free throw by the Los Angeles

Lakers' Anthony Davis. Kawhi Leonard won the first ever Kobe Bryant MVP trophy by scoring 30 points including 9 3-pointers.

I hope the upcoming NBA All-Star games are just as exciting as this one!

Somers FC Excels at Tournament



**By Noah Hechler
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I had the best time at the EDP Cup Soccer Tournament. My team, the Spartans from FC Somers, was playing so well and that was making everyone so happy.

Also, it was a sleep away tournament Played at Tukahoe Turf Farm, so that means that we stay close to the tournament because it is really far from our houses.

When we were at the Hilton Hotel, we just ran around and played hide and see. Usually we can stay up as late as we want so that is fun.



In the morning, we would have the best breakfast because it would be a buffet. We played another game the next day and we won every single game. AT the end of the tournament, we were 5-0! Our last game was against the Cedar Stars, a team from Long Island.

That means we won the whole thing because we did not lose at all. At the end we all received trophies and it felt great to win the whole thing. It was really upsetting when we all had to leave because I had so much fun.

I really hope we come back to this tournament and have a even better time from this time but I do not know if this is possible because it was the best time ever.

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