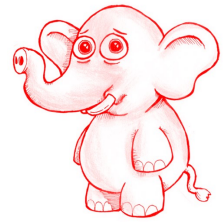


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Dodgeball Tournament Lives Up to Hype



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It was on March 15th that the Dodgeball Tournament that took place in the SMS gym was one that was very appealing to the eyes and ears, and I guess the mouth if you count the food they sold in the cafeteria (pizza, candy, hot dogs, water).

Sixteen teams participated. The winning team was the Chief Gods. The tournament was sponsored by the Student Council and highlighted Uniqueness Week.



No Wifi, No Power, and Two Cold Dogs!



**By Ezra Weinstein
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Everyone knows that snow days are awesome and mean you don't have to go to school but, is too many snow days a problem?

Most people know that if you use up all of your snow days, the school takes days off from April vacation. In the last two storms (not counting yesterday's), the school was closed due to power issues. The only reason I say the week was horrible to lose school is because most people lost power as well, including me.

It has been recorded that over 8000 people in Somers reported to NYSEG that their power was out. The main cause of this is trees falling on the power lines. The storm was so bad that the state had to call electricity companies from as far away as Canada, specifically Quebec.

The one big thing people and kids hated was that there was no Wi-Fi. Now people know that they can survive a week and two days without Wi-Fi! I was very lucky because I have a generator that powers a few outlets and lights inside my house. Besides the generator, we had many candles and flashlights.



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Wisdom**

Here is a story that happened this week! My neighbors have two dogs that they asked me to walk during the storm because they were in Florida. My dad drives me to their house and drops me off. I put in the garage code and it doesn't open. I call my dad and tell him that the garage won't open because there is no power. He drives back and tells me that he is going to break the window on the side door. I thought he was crazy but apparently he wasn't joking.

After he smashed the window with a hammer, we looked inside and tried to unlock the door. Unfortunately, the deadbolt needed a key on the inside for some weird reason. So my dad went to go get my sister from our house and drove her back to our neighbor's house. He and my mother lifted my sister through the window and over the broken glass. She got the secret key and unlocked it for us.

The following night we realized that their house was 45 degrees. That was cold for the dogs and they were shivering. My mom being the worrier she is took the dogs in the car and drove them to my Nanna's house where we were sleeping. That's my crazy storm story!

Bullying Takes its Toll on Victims

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Bullying is one of those things that happens to everyone. There are people who say they have never been bullied but, I'm 100% sure someone has been mean to them.



Bullying is also one of those topics that come up all the time. Teachers encourage kids not to bully but surely it still is happening.

I want to bring up one thing that you might not have thought of when you are getting bullied. Whoever is doing something that hurts your feelings or is physically hurting you, ask yourself this, "Why am I the victim?" Whenever you ask yourself this



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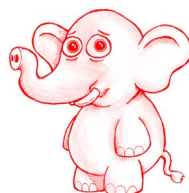
question think about the bully. There are three possible reason why you are getting bullied—the bully is jealous of you, they are being bullied, or they're just doing to make themselves feel better.

Let's talk about the first reason. There is a high possibility that the person who is bullying you is being bullied. It's a cycle. Someone bullies another person, they get mad, so they take it out on another person.

Sometimes people don't even realize when they are bullying someone. You can't assume people are bullying you just for the fun of it. You have absolutely no idea what is going on in their life. Being bullied isn't fun but just think of other people. It needs to stop. No person deserves to be bullied. That's all.



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