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## Students' Messages Inspire and Encourage



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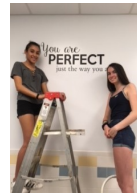
Girl Scouts have been writing inspiring messages in the girls' bathrooms. I believe this is a great idea considering the threat that was written in the boys' bathroom just recently.

These inspiring messages will help girls feel good about themselves. The message in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade bathroom says, "You are PERFECT just the way you are." I hope the Girl Scout troop that put those messages there keeps it up.



Eighth graders Lisa Rothschild and Kelly Quigley, who are Girl Scout Cadets, decided to embark on this project as they work to achieve the Girl Scout Silver Award. The focus is on building self-esteem for girls.

In addition to putting up the various inspiring messages, Kelly and Lisa led self-esteem workshops for 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls and had them make positive self-talk jars and vision boards. The photos are of the girls' efforts in the various rest rooms.



## Splashdown Trip Was Awesome!



By Mimi DiBiccari  
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On Monday when temperatures outside maxing out at 95 degrees, Somers 7<sup>th</sup> graders enjoyed the day at no better of a place than Splash-Down Water Park.

With only 5 days of school remaining, the SplashDown adventure was a great break from studying and finals. Kids rushed from the fleet of yellow school buses into the park with enthusiasm. Somers Middle School students indulged themselves in the Artic Plunge Racer, Croc Creek Wavy Lazy River, The Humunga Half-Pipe and much more.

The day at SplashDown Water Park gave students some time to enjoy with friends and classmates outside of school grounds. I strongly favor this idea because it gives students a break from the stress and worries that finals week can bring. Nothing is better than a cool and refreshing day in the water especially when it's piping hot outside.

It was an amazing experience and I hope to visit Splash-Down again. As the school year comes to a close, I think all grades should have their day to enjoy at Splashdown as it was a great stress reliever for both teachers and students.

## Be Careful What You Post!



By Corey Hametz  
Tusker Tribune Staff

Everybody wants to be safe, right? Nobody wants to be really mean to anybody, right?

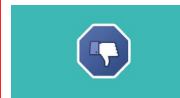
If you want to stay safe and also be known as a kind person, you need to be careful about what you post on social media.

Whatever you post on the internet, stays there forever, even if you think that it was fully deleted. Think before you post something, you never know how that could affect you now or even later in life.

Recently, the show *Roseanne* came back after the original show ended twenty one years ago. The new show was cancelled because of one wrong move that Roseanne Barr (the actress that played Roseanne on the show) made.

She made an extremely racist tweet. This caused ABC to pull the plug on the show, shortly after it had renewed *Roseanne* for another season. This proves that one wrong move can cause a big problem.

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## Summing Up the End of a Successful Year



**By Sydney Bensabeur  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

It's the last week of school and everyone is ready for summer. Gym lockers are cleaned out people are cleaning out the back packs. Even teachers are cleaning out rooms. This year flew by so fast and I can't wait to come back to this amazing school next year.

Somers schools are such a pleasure to be a part of. All the teachers are so wonderful. I would-



n't want to be in any other school. I learned so much in the past year. The principal and vice principal are such good role models and a lot of people look up to them. The guidance counselors are nice and easy to talk to.

This school has a bunch of amazing clubs like Drama, No Place for Hate, Tech Club, etc. They also provide a great sports program. All the staff are nice and are great teachers and role models.

Somers schools are an all-around great and positive area to be in. I can't wait for the new school year to start.

## The Subway series—A New York Tradition



**By Tyler Ostrander  
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The Subway Series is one of the greatest rivalry's in Baseball between the New York Mets and the New York Yankees.

This year it took place in Citi Field from June 8<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>. The Yankees ended up winning the first two games while the Mets ended up taking the last one. In the first game, the Yankees racked up five hits with four runs, while the Mets had four hits with one run. The Yankees were losing 1-0 for the first five innings and then the Yankees tied it up.

In the eighth inning, the center fielder for the Yankees, Brett Gardner, hit a two-run bomb for the lead which put the Yankees up 3-1. In the ninth inning, the left fielder for the Yankees, Giancarlo Stanton, hit another home run and added another run to their lead. The Yankees closed up game one with a win.

In game two, the Yankees had eight hits



with four runs and the Mets had six hits with three runs. In the first inning the Mets racked in three runs and the Yankees were already down 3-0. The Yankees then scored one run in the third inning and two more in the sixth inning which made the game tied up.

In the eighth inning, the Yankees right fielder, Aaron Judge, delivered a home run which gave the Yankees a 4-3 lead over the Mets and sealed the game up and gave the Yankees the win in game two.

In game three, the Mets won their first game of the series with five hits and two runs. The Yankees had three hits but couldn't come up with the runs. In the fifth inning, the Mets third baseman, Todd Frazier, who played for the Yankees last season, hit a two-run bomb to give the Mets a 2-0 lead over the Yankees in game three of the series. The Mets did not let any runs up and the final score was 2-0 (Mets) and the Subway Series ended with the Yankees winning two games and the Mets winning one.

## Sumer 'Vaca' Reading To-Do List



**By Ashley Vukaj  
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Summer's here! Get ready for the pool, sun and reading! Here are some helpful tips to better your reading experience.

#1- read your book in someplace new! Try reading outside by the pool, beach or even just sitting on the grass. Reading in bright places lifts your mood and can change your perspective on things!

#2- Don't overwhelm yourself. Make sure



make you deeply into your book since, you've already read it!

to pace yourself, read a little bit of your book a day and you'll be fine!

#3- Try some new genres, get out of your comfort zone! You would be surprised how interesting new books and genres can be!

#4- Read books with your friends, start a book club!

#5- If all else fails, just re-read a book you loved! This can



## Aru Shah and the End of Time by Roshani Chokshi

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### Post

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Posting insensitive words or pictures of inappropriate behavior on social media can also cause you trouble when you want to get a job or get into college.

If you post something on social media that shows you doing something wrong or inappropriate, then when you apply for college, the person that is accepting you into the college may see that post and reconsider accepting you into the college.

So think before you post, you can never take back the words or images that you put on social media.



**By Rintaro Onishi**  
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The book I am reading now is called *Aru Shah and the End of Time*.

The book is about a girl, Aru, lighting a cursed lamp. When, she does, she awakens the Sleeper, who is intent on waking the God of Destruction, who is intent on destroying the world.

She must find the Pandava. They are the only hope of rescuing the world. The author, Roshani Chokshi has displayed

an amazing story. Even Rick Riordan liked it, so he presented it. Now the cover says *Rick Riordan Presents*.



I have never ever wanted to put the book down, because it brought waves after waves of excitement to me. Also, I got to get a taste of what Hindu Mythology is (Yes, it is based on Hindu Mythology). I learned about the gods, and their stories.

To conclude, the book was a bundle of interesting things that I've never seen in my life.

### Study Over the Summer! (at least a little bit.)



**Anna Olteanu**  
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As school ends, finals are completed you tend to cut some slack for yourself. Reducing stress over summer break by not worrying yourself with school can be a good thing.

However, being unprepared for the next school year can cause you even more stress; right from the start. Students tend to forget a lot of the things they had learned the past school year. Fortunately, there are subtle options that won't clog up your summer plans but will keep you on track for the next year.

When summer break begins, of course you would want to forget about school, but the best thing you can do to fill up empty hours is to read about your next classes. Empty hours are those that you really don't have anything to do; no one is obliging you to study intensely, reading a bit about the subject will be enough.

If you review for a small amount of time as often as you can, that will be enough to be ready for school, and reduce the stress. Some things you should know of, even before you begin to review subjects, are what courses you are taking, what significant topics you should expect, and vocabulary that may be important to that class.

Here are some simple ways of preparing:



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## E.N.D.A.N.G.E.R.E.D ANIMALS



**By Rachel Friedberg  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Animals are becoming endangered every day, and more and more are going extinct. More than 45000 animals or species are on the IUCN Red List and 16,306 are endangered and might even go extinct.

You might be wondering how are these animals dying out? Well the main problem is humans. By over hunting, pollution, and by humans taking away their habitat.

Hunting, a recreational sport most of the time is, well killing animals for either enjoyment or for fun. You may think it's fun doing this thing, but you may not be thinking about the impact it is making. At least 11 animal species have gone extinct in the last two decades and it is all because of us humans.

Lions, hippos and more exotic animals are becoming extinct all do to global warming and the impact us humans have on the world. Pollution is also a big component. We humans have to treat all living things with respect and we cannot be selfish and only care about our species. From now on we should try to help our beautiful planet and the animals in our world



## **THE LEGEND OF ZELDA: BREATH OF THE WILD**



**By Juliana Seaboldt  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

The Legend of Zelda games have been popular around the world since 1986, and now it's on the Nintendo Switch with *The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild*.

The story follows Link, who wakes up from a hundred-year sleep to a mysterious voice that guides him to defeat Calamity Ganon before it can destroy the Kingdom of Hyrule.

The game is played in an open world environment. Players are given little instruction and can explore freely in woods and mountains. Common tasks include collecting multi-purpose items to help with various objectives or solving puzzles and side-quests.

Breath of the Wild is unstructured and designed to reward experimentation. It allows the story to be completed in a nonlinear fashion meaning the game hits the players with challenges that can be completed in several ways.

The game is for everyone with challenges just difficult enough to be fun. What are you waiting for? Go get the game! And then get a Nintendo switch if you didn't have one to start with! It is ranking as one of the top best Nintendo games, and I assure you, you will enjoy it.

## **Study** **From Page 3**

•**Read.** Some hate it, some love it. Either way, you should read. There is no "assigned" summer reading, but your ELA teachers will surely expect it from you. Aside from reading a book, you can read a little about the other classes you are taking. If you are keen on learning, you can buy a textbook, just make sure that it covers the right subjects.

•**Learn vocabulary.** If you are taking a foreign language class, such as Spanish, Italian, or French, you should know either what you are going to learn, or what you learned the past year. If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade going into 8<sup>th</sup>, do not forget what you learned; there will be a big final on all the vocabulary from 7<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

•**Review.** You probably want to throw away all your sheets and tests from this year but keep some of it. Section off what you don't need, and what you should remember. Some of the things that you had learned can come in handy in the future. Set aside a small box for the papers you will keep and look over them when you think that you should.

Of course, what you do over the summer is up to you but reviewing and reading will help you next year. With the prior knowledge about your classes, you won't be as stressed over your classes, you can be ahead of your class, even just a little. You will have a good start to the year, and a nice first impression on your teachers.



## Rope Courses: The Perfect Activity For this Summer



By Lydia Wilke-Olsen  
Tusker Tribune Staff

With the summer coming up soon, some people are wondering what to do. There are many things you could choose from, but I recommend rope courses.

A rope course is a series of bridges and other obstacles, usually connected in the trees. They can be different heights and difficulty, depending on their level. There are many different levels that you could try. The easiest ones aren't very high off the ground. They include obstacles that don't require much strength or agility, but are still very fun. If you've mastered the easier courses, you might want to try harder levels. These include obstacles that require strength and balance. Either way, there's an adventure for everyone.



Despite their looks, rope courses are very safe. They have cables that run throughout the course, and a system where your harness is always connected. At most places, you have to disconnect

between obstacles. You are many feet up in the trees, so they developed a system where you are always connected. No need for a fear of heights here!



Some might argue that it could hurt the trees. Cables are either wrapped around, or nailed to the trees, and neither of those sound environmentally friendly. However, they barely hurt the trees at all. If the cables are wrapped around, they are constantly being adjusted, allowing the trees to grow. The other technique uses technology similar to what holds treehouses up. The tree can still grow, and nothing has to be adjusted. It is attached neatly, to keep the tree safe.

Rope courses are new and becoming more and more popular. Some nearby courses that I recommend are Boundless Adventures in Purchase, NY, and The Adventure Park in Bridgeport, CT. I hope you give them a try!

## A Wrinkle in Time—Book vs Movie

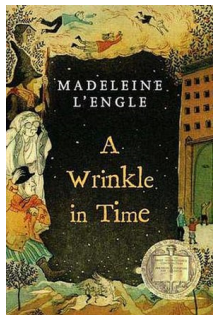


By Gracie Mahoney  
Tusker Tribune Staff

We all have our preferences, and we all know ourselves enough to figure out whether we are willing to read a book or just watch the movie.

A Wrinkle in Time is a classic that everyone should get around to reading at one time or another. Reading the book is great for several reasons. Reason number one is reading in general gives you a more extensive vocabulary and keeps your brain active.

Also, when you read the book you get to use your imagination and you get to decide what the characters and the places they are going look like.



But when you watch a movie everything is set in stone because you are seeing it with your own eyes. This can sometimes be good because you get to see everything as the author intended it to look and it might give you a little clarification.

The book was very good, there was a lot of descriptive language and all the characters were really brought to life. However, the movie didn't quite live up to the standard the book set. It seemed to move too fast and they skipped some key details that people who had read the book prior thought were important to the story line.

For example, the movie completely skipped the part when they meet Aunt Beast. In the end, although the movie was good, I definitely liked the book better.

## What is Summer, Actually?



**By Lauren McCartin  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

What is summer? Summer to me is the season where you never know what day it is. It's pure happiness and fun.

It's rolling down the windows and cranking the music. It's bad tan lines and fun in the sun. It's man hunt until midnight. It's catching fire flies in a jar.

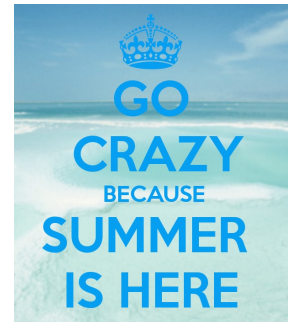
It's sleepovers every night. It's sleeping in until noon. It's freckles popping up everywhere. It's bike rides day and night.

It's long car rides and fun plane rides. It's bonfires on the beach. It's root beer, cream soda

and Shirley Temples. It's soaking in the sun and sand running through your toes. It's burgers and hot dogs.

It's not a thought of stress or tests. It's toasted marshmallows and melted chocolate wedged between two graham crackers. Its hair getting lighter and skin getting darker.

It's when life gets better!



## Peking City Has Fabulous Food!



**By Brian Huang  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Everyone wishes for food when they don't want to cook.

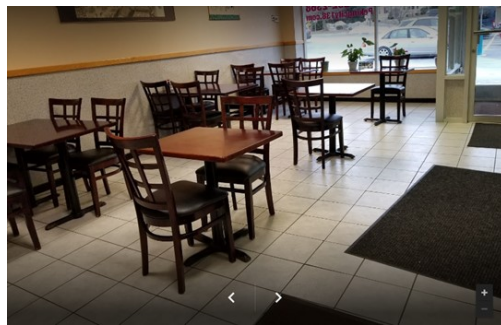
Sometimes they want to go to another restaurant and eat and sometimes, people want others to cook for them. Sometimes people want Italian food, Chinese food or whatever types of foods there are.

Peking City is a great restaurant for takeout. You can also eat there like some people do. The dining area/waiting area has a plain simple design. It is preferred to order from the phone and then come pick it up or eat there because they'll have to cook it and make the food nice and fresh.

Their Address is 138 Bedford Road in Katonah, New York. Their phone number is (914)232-2368 and (914)232-2384. Also, their fax number is (914)232-2022. You can order their food online at <http://www.pekingcity138.com/>.

The first time you go to the website you'll have to sign up, so you can order from then on. They deliver up to five miles, and they have a minimum of \$15 for delivery. When they are busy, they are stricter about the five mile limit, but when they have time, they are more lenient about the five mile limit and may deliver up to 5.5 miles at times.

The food is cheap for Katonah especially the Lunch and Combination Menu. Come to Peking City in the morning (before 3:00 p.m.) for the daily lunch special. All throughout the day, the Combination Menu can be ordered from. They (the Lunch and Combo) are around 8-9 dollars and



come with vegetable fried rice and an egg roll.

If you go in and order, you'll have to wait for them to make the food. Also, the regular orders come with a small white rice.

The food groups contain: Appetizers, Cold Appetizers, Soup, Pork, Chicken, Beef & Lamb, Seafood, Vegetable, Fried Rice, Lo Mein, Chow Fun, Chow Mi Fun, Chow Mein or Chop

Suey, Egg Foo Young, Side Order, House Specialties, Combination Menu, Special Diet Menu, and the Lunch Menu.

There are more than 150 types of orders (not counting repeats like the things that are all regular order and combination and lunch menu).

One thing that most people like best is that the spice can be altered to your taste whether you want spice or not. Also, some orders that are not on

the menu can be prepared upon your request but you'll have to list what it's like. For example if you want steamed chicken, you'll have to say that you only want chicken and you want it to be steamed with the sauce on the side.

Also it is best if you come when the person on the phones says to because Chinese food takes longer than other foods at times.

By the way, if you were wondering, the DeCicco's supermarket next door to Peking City does not order its food from Peking City. They order it from a location farther away. I wonder why that is?

**Editor's Note: Brian Huang's family owns Peking City. Give it a try!**

## A Drawing CAN be Worth 1000 Words!!!



**By Sophie Moore**  
**Tusker Tribune**  
**Staff**

I think drawing is different. It stands out in the crowd. Some people might find it hard to draw because they keep messing up. They then complain that they don't know how to draw.

Everyone has their strengths and weaknesses. I'm good at drawing animals, other people might be good at landscaping, shading or abstract art. The list goes on. What I'm trying to say is, you may not be good at ONE drawing style, but you should try something else to see if it works out instead. Artists and animators were not born perfect, they needed practice too. They needed to go through a lot of trial and error to be where they are right now.

Let's say you're an artist and you look back on some old artwork. Instead of thinking about how bad it MIGHT be, think about how far you've come since you have drawn that picture, how much you have improved. Even great artists can



learn new things. A lot of people might not want to let others see their artwork because they are afraid the person won't like their artwork or think it is bad.

To improve, you must take criticism head on. Try different techniques, get out of your comfort-zone for a while. To improve you must take advice from other people or try to draw something else for a bit. If you don't, you won't make much progress.

Drawing is way to express yourself. Maybe your friend likes action, humor or beauty. Drawing is a way to show what they like or dislike. I think drawing can relive stress. I think this because you are putting all your thoughts onto a piece of paper. A lot of people don't want to show off their artwork. They might be scared about what people might say to them, what they might think about them.

Maybe that person is socially awkward, shy or likes to blend in with the crowd. Drawing brings out the best in them, it can help them build confidence or help them break out of their shell. Drawing can make people feel like they belong somewhere special. At least that's what I think.

## Reading Keeps Your Brain in Shape



**By Hannah**  
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Summer vacation is important for students because they work hard for 10 months straight on school work. Students need time to de-stress. But, it doesn't hurt to open a good book during your vacation.

Summer reading is important because it uses your brain which most kids need over the summer when they are lost in their phones and video games. It also strengthens your reading and language skills and keeps you prepared for the next school year. It is critical to a student's learning abilities.



Just like exercising keeps your muscles in shape, reading keeps your brain in shape. If you don't read, you will lose literacy skills just like if you don't exercise, you will lose muscle. Students who don't read are at risk of falling behind. You can avoid this by reading regularly over the summer.

A University of Tennessee, Knoxville, research study shows that children who don't read over the summer lose over two months of reading development. On the contrary, students who do read over the summer may gain a month of proficiency in reading.

## Music 🎵 Can Change 💰 the World Wrap-Up



**By Eddie Baranowski  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I am very proud to be a member of the National Junior Honor Society. I saw the requirements for applying to the National Junior Honor Society which includes volunteer hours and I knew that was something I wanted to do.

My friends, Donovan Smith, Michael Abrenica, Evan Carway, Ryan Eade, Jake Gannon and I have been working very diligently volunteering and collecting for our group that we named **Music 🎵 Can Change 💰 the World**. Our proceeds (cans and cash) will go to the Northern Westchester Community Center.

In early July, the six of us, our moms, and our siblings will visit the Northern Westchester Community Center and stock the shelves with the cans that we collected for them and we will bring the donation of money. We convert all the change into a big check. Thus far, we collected \$524 in spare change. We collect-

ed many boxes of food. We have been present at every concert in the fall and the spring at Somers Intermediate School as well as Somers Middle School. We like doing this project together. Fun with my friends and volunteering equals a great benefit for everyone!!

Volunteering is very meaningful, and it is made very real for us since we see many parts of volunteering, like making a sign telling where the donations are going, sending out an email announcement so parents know about it, setting up the table, packing the car, counting the cash, rolling the coins, and stocking the shelves. It is cool to bump into our former Intermediate School teachers and say hello as they walk by going into the concert. Helping

the community with the support of the community is the best! I recommend it!! I hope everyone at Somers Middle School has a summer filled with sun, fun and service!



## Siblings Save Music 🎵 Can Change 💰 the World



**By Eddie Baranowski  
Tusker Tribune Staff**

I am part of the best volunteer group!! My friends: Donnie Smith, Michael Abrenica, Evan Carway, Ryan Eade, Jake Gannon and I play travel baseball.

On Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Donnie, Jake and I had an important baseball practice. Michael, Evan and Ryan had a travel baseball game. We wondered how we could be in two places at once.

It was the final concert at Somers Intermediate School, and we had other obligations! What were we going to do? Each of us asked one of our siblings to cover for us. After all, what is family for? So, on June 14<sup>th</sup>, there were six different faces, even though some looked very similar to ours, standing behind the table collecting cans and spare change at SIS. Our sib-



lings are: Ryan Smith, Rhys Carway, Kaitlyn Gannon, Angie Eade, Lily Baranowski and Christina Abrenica.

The final note of **Music 🎵 Can Change 💰 the World** for the 2018-2019 school year was saved on June 14<sup>th</sup> by our siblings! We realize how important responsibility and volunteering in our community is. We knew that the donations would be well taken care of by our siblings. What is family for?

Family always helps out family. We have also learned that the answer is the same when the question asked is, "What are friends for?" Friends always help out friends. Not only do we have the best volunteer group ever, but we have the best siblings and families for stepping up and saving our last collection!



## One for the Murphys by Lynda Mullaly Hunt



By Eva DiRende

Tusker Tribune Staff

One for the Murphys was one of the best books I've read this year. One for the Murphy's is a book about this girl, Carley. She is in the foster care system after her stepfather tried to hit her and her mom helped. She went to live with the Murphys, a loving crazy family.

At first she didn't like any of them, especially Mrs. M (Julie). Eventually, toward the end of the story, she formed a special bond with



each of the members of the family. She really had a close bond with Mrs. M.

During all of this, she finds out that her mom is in a recovery, after the attack (when Carley was sent to live with the Murphys). Her mom asks for her back and Carley goes to live with her mom again. The Murphys are heartbroken to give her up to her mom.

I love this story because of the way it was written. It flows very well. I also like that the plot was that Carley was in the foster home with the Murphys. All in all, this was a great book and I totally recommend it!!!!

## A New Take On 'Pandora's Box'

By Julia McSweeney  
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It was a cold winter day when I discovered it.

It was a light sky blue box that looked small enough to hold a pebble but big enough to hold, like, three pencils.

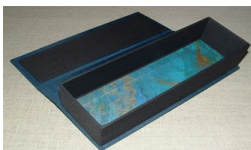
My patience vanishes as I'm already opening it. It shimmered in the foggy light. Inside was an old dusty telephone that looked like it had been really well loved a really long time ago.

I turned it on and saw the display flashing red. It said "ALERT—THEY'RE COMING! 12/5/20.

That was today.

As I read this, the sky darkened and the most astonishing, unsettling thing happened.

*Continued in the fall . . . ?*



## Sumer Fun Also Means Summer Safety



By Naima Walsh

Tusker Tribune Staff

Summer time is here! School's out, beach here I come. I know summer is where people try new things and go crazy with experiments but let's be smart. Our choices will depend on our future.

Helmets, seat belts, knee pads, all the things your parents tell you to wear. Safety is a key word for summer fun.

Don't make stupid mistakes. Yes, I understand we all want to have some fun since we have been locked up in what some may say is a jail cell. Roller coast-



ers are a big hit in the summer time, or maybe you're going fishing. I hope you catch something.

Just remember, summer is supposed to be fun, so don't let a foolish

choice take away your summer. Now I wanna know where your going for summer.

To be honest many students had a rough first year or even a rough last year. So I advise you to be safe over the summer and moving forward into a new grade to be smart and do your homework!

## Music and School Work Belong Together!



By Jessica Montesano  
Tusker Tribune Staff

Should teachers allow kids to listen to music when doing work? I think they should, at least for the kids who want to listen to it.

Personally, I focus better when I listen to music. When I need to study, I put earbuds in and put music on. Especially when I'm in team time because I don't want to talk to my friends instead of studying.

When the teacher gives out

a worksheet, usually kids will start talking. But if most of the kids have earbuds in and are listening to music, the talking would be to a minimum or it would stop. Plus, the kids will be focused on the worksheet and the teacher could get work done while everyone's working.





## I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest



**By Neha Gorthi**  
**Tusker Tribune Staff**  
Neha Gorthi

I recommend you to all read the book I Am Princess X by Cherie Priest.

The book is about a girl who has a dead friend. She and her friend had these cartoons they made together. A few days later she sees one of those cartoons hang-



ing up on a poll outside. She knows her friend isn't dead.

Her friend is giving her signs that she is alive. If you're a fan of mystery books, this one is for you. They book is breath taking and you never ever want to stop reading once you've started. This book is amazing, and I recommend you all to read it.

## Black Panther Origins



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My family and I saw The Black Panther on February 20<sup>th</sup> and it was amazing. I loved this movie because it was filled with action--so exciting.

This Marvel movie followed Civil War, where the Black Panther made his first on screen appearance. T'Challa, aka Black Panther, is the prince to the centuries-old place of the African kingdom Wakanda, and leader of its Panther Clan. His mother died in childbirth.

T'Chaka remarried, but his second wife, Ramonda, ran away with another man when T'Challa was eight.



When T'Challa was a teenager, T'Chaka was murdered by Klaw, a Dutchman seeking to find the rare Vibranium metal to Wakanda, but T'Challa used Klaw's own weapon to drive him off. T'Challa studied and then underwent ritual trials in Wakanda including beating his Uncle S'yan, the existing Black Panther to win the heart shaped herb, giving him enhanced his abilities and linking him spiritually to the

Panther God Bast.

Now Wakanda's ruler as the Black Panther, he exiled the Hatut Zeraze and continued to make his country into a high-tech wonderland. When a civil war broke out, T'Challa restored peace by making nice with the Jabari tribe, and by picking Dora Milaje, the Adored One, from rival tribes to serve as his personal guard.

Black Panther's first appearance in Marvel Comics was in Fantastic Four #52, July 1966.

T'Challa was taught the properties of Vibranium when he was still a kid, and his lessons in royal duty began at age five. So this is the BLACK PANTHER origin story

## Another View on Summer Break



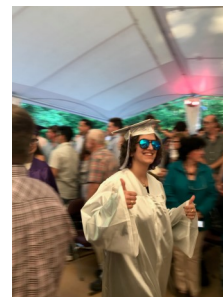
**By Matt Renne**  
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I think summer is . . . Ok-ish. You really don't do anything if you don't have any camps to go to.

One time, I did nothing in the summertime and it was BORING. Well, if you have friends, you can do stuff. But most the time, they're at CAMP. Just great. You're stuck inside for three months doing nothing, maybe gain 30 pounds.

I don't care what you do. So whatever you do this summer, do SOMETHING, NOT NOTHING. (please) And this concludes my PSA.

Have a great summer!



**Thanks to all  
our writers this  
year! Have a  
Great Summer!  
See You in the  
Fall!**



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