



Spring Forward:

The Aftermath of the Pandemic on Society

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Lacey Groover and Savannah Hall discuss how COVID-19 has lasting effects in the present. This article is written using personal experiences, statistics, and informal interviews by topic.

SOCIALIZING / FRIENDSHIPS:

The pandemic has driven a wedge in our ability to maintain close friendships and relationships. The periods of isolation and distance changed how we interact with one another. Reconnecting with those who mean the most to us is essential to helping us regain the ground that was once lost.

Lacey Groover: I know that during the pandemic I had a few close friends, but being online for

school made me grow apart from them a lot. This affected me tremendously. I became depressed, and without any extra support, it was very difficult. Having friends is more important than most people think it is. Socializing with one another is what makes us human, and without that, what were we?

I have an interview with Ronald Verba, who was a very close friend of mine until the COVID-19 pandemic:

Do you think COVID-19 affected our growing apart?

Ron: Yes, the separation drifted us further apart.

Were you worried about all of your friends' health (including me)? Ron: Of course, I was worried for my friends' health, especially my close ones.

Any other comments? Ron: I just wish things went differently with my friendships.



Growing apart from such a close friend now affects how I interact with people today. I'm scared to get attached, but I do it very easily. My friends today are more amazing than I could ever ask for, and Ron and I are even reconnecting and building back up a friendship because of being able to see each other, face to face, at school. Socializing now has become a lot better, and for me, I've made lifelong friends that support me.

Savannah Hall: Before the pandemic, I had maybe six friends. When Covid started, we all expected this to go away after maybe a week. After that week, we started to think that this is a really serious situation. After about 3 months, I had gone into a deep depression and stopped talking to most of my friends. I was asked, "If COVID-

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19 never happened, do you think people would have lost so many friends?” No, not really because I would have still been able to interact. Once I came back to school, I felt awkward because I didn't have as many friends as everyone and I couldn't do the things everyone else was doing; once I started talking to my old friends again, it was like we never lost touch.

POLITICS & PROTESTS:

Social upheavals have been on the rise as evidenced through demonstrations and protests; perhaps some of the greatest displays of social advocacy, civil resistance, and political reform in recent history. Some say there is a correlation between the emergence of protests and disagreements with the conditions in which we were under during lockdowns and quarantines.

Lacey Groover: Continuing from before when I talked about socializing as what makes us human, people started to become more short-fused, angry, and irritable. The friction ensuing from clashes at Black Lives Matter protests and the debate on wearing masks in public spaces just made everything worse and everyone even angrier at not only each other but the government as well. Today, the country is very vocal and divided among ourselves. The good thing about that is we can share our opinions and speak up

about what we think is wrong instead of keeping quiet and having our opinions boil over into anger.

Savannah Hall: When people lost things such as their socialization, they became angrier. Some more than others. People just started to get upset about almost anything that was happening, and even things happening on social media. They started doing things like destroying buildings, hurting other people, setting things on fire, and stealing things. I thought it was scary and that the people were acting way too harshly. It has gotten better than it was, and I'm happy about that.

CONFUSIONS & CONFLICTIONS:

Information regarding the virus and its guidelines and protocols were constantly evolving. Hesitancy and confusion abound, and people felt conflicted with a sense of institutional distrust and uncertainty.

Lacey Groover: According to “Documenting Pennsylvania's path to recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, 2020-2021,” the state government responded 49 times regarding the pandemic. You can review the various ways Pennsylvania responded by clicking [here](#). That is way too much back-and-forth and this-and-that. I can see why the people got confused and/or skep-

tical of what the government was saying. Of course, the guidelines changed as more knowledge of the virus was discovered, but it was still hard to know what to do going out in public.

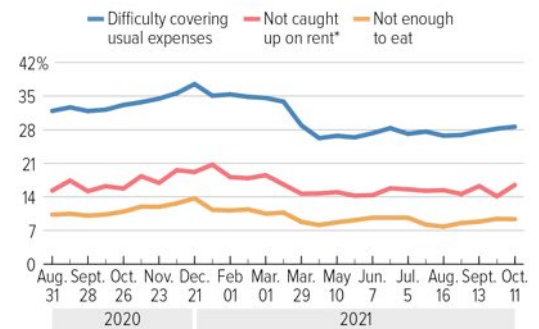
THE ECONOMY:

The aftershock lingers in terms of the pandemic's economic impact and fallout causing significant hardships for individuals and businesses alike. Many lost their jobs, and inflation continues to increase despite the challenging circumstances.

Lacey Groover: I think we all know that the economy suffered

Hardship Fell After Relief Enacted But Persisted in 2021

Share of adults



*Percent of adults in renter households.

Note: Dates shown are the last day of each 13-day data collection period. Data collection was paused between December 21, 2020, and January 6, 2021, between March 29 and April 14, 2021, and between July 5 and July 21, 2021. Percentages exclude individuals who did not respond to the question.

Source: CBPP analysis of Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey tables

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during the pandemic. My mom is an occupational therapist, and during the pandemic, she still had to work. I have a short interview with her about everyone around her quitting their job, so here it is.

What was it like? Did it feel like everything was falling apart around you?

Mom: Yes. We had people who decided to not show up to work because they were scared, and others who wanted to protect their families and/or themselves from getting sick. We were short-staffed and it was very hard to get help when you needed it, especially with so many people who were sick.

Did you ever think about quitting?

Mom: No, because everything was in place to keep me safe, and people needed me, so if I'm able-bodied and can work, I'm going to work.

How did you feel towards the people quitting (angry, upset, sad)?

Mom: Well, I don't know their situation/reason, so I can't speak about that.

Savannah Hall: With all the small businesses that got shut down, the people that chose to either quit jobs or get fired, and widespread price increases, the overall economy has been affected more than one might think. I know people who had to quit their jobs or pick up three side jobs just so they could make enough money to feed their families and keep a roof over their heads. Essential workers had to go out there and risk their lives just for other people, including the people who had to take care of their other family members. It's better now because most people got their jobs back, got their business back up, or found another job.

MENTAL



HEALTH:

Disruptions in home and school life coupled with periods of isolation and stress certainly have had their impact. However, the awareness and prioritization of mental health, as a result, have become the silver lining through it all.

Lacey Groover: According to Brown University, depression has tripled since after the first year of COVID. I don't know about you, but that statistic is unbelievable! My mental health has been affected because of social isolation and being disconnected from the world. I can also say that my anxiety has spiked as well as a result of the pandemic. But let's look on the bright side: we can now see each others' faces when we talk to one another. We can hug, hold hands, and share physical touch without being scared of possibly dying from a virus. I'm happy to see my mom come home every day without tears streaming down her cheeks. I can feel safe and at peace going outside now. I'm working on my depression, which has honestly been difficult, but I'm seeing hope and the light at the end of the tunnel. I hope you reach out if you are struggling, it's nothing to

be embarrassed about. Mental Health Matters.

Savannah Hall: Mental health is a big concern for everyone. The statistics for teens with mental health are higher than ever before. My mental health was horrible about 2-3 months into the pandemic. I isolated myself and got disconnected from the people I love most. Anxiety is the worst part though. Having to talk to people I don't know is hard for me. On the bright side of everything, you get to see the people you love the most, along with your friends. Nobody should be embarrassed to say they have mental health problems. You matter, and if you can or need to, please talk to someone about it.

CONCLUSION:

It is strikingly obvious that the pandemic has affected our lives in many ways. The psychological, emotional, and economic impacts of the outbreak have been life-altering for many of us. Despite all of the struggles, there truly are silver linings. For example, while there are additional mental health challenges as a result of the stresses, there is now more accessibility and perhaps the removal of the stigma associated with mental health issues because the truth is, everyone is struggling in their own way. The pandemic is a shared experience, and so, this common thread of understanding helps us spring forward toward a post-pandemic world.

Spring Musical 2022 Review:

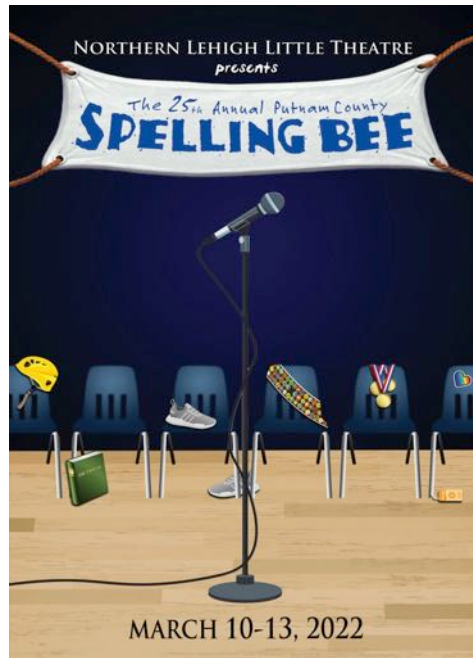
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

By Emily Mack
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The past school year had posed various challenges from COVID. Last year, the musical was called “Nonsense”. I was able to attend the live-stream of that musical and do a review. The NL Little Theater persevered and put together an amazing show. This year, restrictions are down to little or none, so I had the opportunity to view this year’s musical in person! The musical was called “The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee”. I thought the show

was wonderful and very entertaining! This review is brought to you from seat A103. The adults in the musical play a huge part in

progressing the story. Rona Lisa Peretti is a judge who knows a thing or two about the Spelling Bee because she had won the 3rd Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee! Vice Principal Douglas Panch is also another judge of the Spelling Bee who appears to have feelings for Miss Peretti. Mitch Mahoney, the Spelling Bee’s comfort counselor, is also assisting the Spelling Bee for community service. The two judges and their



comfort counselor bicker, laugh, and sometimes get along creating a beautifully contrasted dynamic.

This musical is about a group of students who are the best spellers in the area. The spellers the audience meets are Chip Tolentino, Logainne Schwartzandgrubeni, Leaf Coneybear, William Barfee, Marcy Park, and Olive Ostrovsky. When we are first introduced to our characters, we only scrape the surface

of their personalities and identities. They may be just spellers, but there is so much more to each person. Some of the characters at first glance seem like they have it all, they don’t always have everything together. Each music number tells a different story. In between spelling several words of course! The audience first hears about the spelling rules and everyone’s favorite part of the Bee. My favorite music numbers are just up next! Then, a pause in Olive Ostrovsky’s turn leads us to hear about her wonderful friend, the dictionary. Only shortly after the beginning of our Spelling Bee, Chip Tolentino is our first loser. The cast sings of Pandemonium and Mitch sends Chip on his way with a juice box. After some more spelling Leaf Coneybear comes to tell the audience that he’s “... not that smart.”. It turns out that he might be

smart! Our next character to learn about is William Barfee and his magic foot. When spelling Barfee must use his foot to spell out a word on the ground. Each of our characters has a part of a song telling about their past and expectations. Jesus even makes an appearance when Marcy Park needs some consultation about whether or not she should win. Our final two are Olive and Barfee, but Barfee ends up being the winner. Depending

on who you wanted to win the outcome may not be what you intended. Even though William Barfee has a competitive and almost bully-like attitude, he finds a friend in Olive Ostrovsky. The end is solidified by the unlikely friendship between t h e t w o .



Katie Ryba, Breanne Mitchell, and Elizabeth Binder. The technical crew is composed of Alexis Cotto, Nate Walters, Abigail Peartree, Reece

Overall, I really enjoyed this year's production! The characters and their portrayals add to the amazing comedy. The musical numbers were stuck in my head a while after seeing the play.

I can't wait to see what the Northern Lehigh Little Theater has in store for next year!

This year the production staff included Mr. Hamm, Ms. Garrigan, and Mr. Shuey. The show is composed of various astounding actors and actresses by the names of Owen Levan-Uhler, Jessica Erking, Ayden Scalon, Diego Fenstermaker, Jackson Hunsicker, Giana Rosario, Cydney Krause, Susan Gilsbach, Parker Musselman, Camryn Torres,

Johnson, Angelina Juarbe, and Colleen Gilsbach. The members of production design and construction are Alexis Cotto, Diego Fenstermaker, Jackson Hunsicker, Reece Johnson, Angelina Juarbe, Abigail Peartree, and Maquela Rudder.

ACE Team Experience 2022

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for the team. This year, the team was composed of 6 members including myself. This experience was

and time to be with friends, but it is so much more. Sure we got to meet new people and friends, but when

Eighth grade students have an opportunity to compete academically against each other in a school-wide competition. A team of six members are chosen from this competition to compete against area junior high schools each spring. Emily Mack and Samantha Mack detail their experience in this article.



it comes to competing we all want to win. Our fighting spirit and teamwork were what made us go so far. Our first round of competition was lost. We came back the next morning and started with a win! Later, we were sadly defeated. Each of the three games was very

Emily Mack: You most likely have heard of the ACE academic competition. Patrick Conway, Sam Mack, Emily Mack, Lacey Groover, Ronald Verba, and Taylor Everk were lucky enough to be selected

entertaining and a wonderful opportunity to learn more. Finally, my random knowledge had some use! When put together with the rest of the team, we all do amazing. ACE may seem like just a fun activity

intense. Even though we may have lost, we still managed to make it very far. During this experience, all my teammates learned so much and had a great time. Dear seventh graders, we want you to win this

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whole thing next year. You got this, good luck!

Samantha Mack: I was happy to be selected to be a part of the Northern Lehigh ACE team. This was a very fun and educational experience. The ACE competition was a way for the students involved to get an opportunity to use the skills they learned in school and out of school. The ACE competition offered not only a competitive environment but also offered a

social environment and it helped me discover new friends. 2022 was the first year the ACE competition was held before Covid. The ACE team also has a new Teacher/Coach Mr. Davis. I believe Mr. Davis coached us very well. This year's 2022 Ace team lost their first-round to Panther Valley, then they came for a comeback against Lehigh, but unfortunately lost to Tamaqua their next time up. Northern Lehigh's ACE team members all did very well and answered

enough questions to keep our losses tight even though the other team was able to score more points in the final seconds of the rounds. All members of the ACE team did very well and learned things during this great experience. To all seventh graders interested in the ACE competition for the following year I highly recommend it and promise you will have a great experience with friends and learn things along the way!

Spring into 2022: Track and Field

By Emily Mack
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Ready to run, jump, and throw? Northern Lehigh's Track and Field season is kicking off! This season, the coaches are Mr. Lehtonen, Mr. Gupta, Mr. Gerould, Mr. Long, Mr. Oertner, Ms. Case, Ms. Hannon, and Miss Lopez. I had the opportunity to speak with some of the coaches about their experience with track and their expectations for the season. Here is what they had to say about this topic:

Ms. Hannon: As a new coach this season, Ms. Hannon is helping out with sprinters. She was also an athlete during high school. Previously she was a distance runner but has now learned so much more about sprinting and coach-

ing for it. This season practicing has been focused more on the technique used when sprinting. Ms. Hannon is looking forward to



a new season that is getting back to a new normal.

Miss Lopez: Coach Lopez joins Ms. Hannon by being a new coach. She is nervous yet really excited for this upcoming season.

Miss Lopez is a young coach who still favors a student athlete's mindset. She feels that her connection with the athletes is very

strong. Miss Lopez said that she never really imagined herself being a coach and finds it very rewarding. This is a new experience for her and being able to coach and help out provides so much nostalgia.

Ms. Case & Mr. Gupta (Middle School Coaches):

The next two coaches have been coaching for a bit now. This season is Ms.

Case's third year coaching Northern Lehigh's Track and Field, and this is Mr. Gupta's fourth year. These coaches help out in all areas but still have their favorites. Ms. Case mostly helps out with distance runners. Mr. Gupta likes

to help out with hurdles. Both coaches are grateful for this season of track. They see a lot of potential with the athletes this year. The number of people coming out to participate in track has risen by a third! Ms. Case and Mr. Gupta would like for more people to get involved and join track and field next year!



everything back up. He is prepared for new athletes and ready to help them improve. Mr. Long is glad he sees lots of improvement and personal records broken by athletes. He foresees many of the athletes making it to Leagues and Districts.

Mr. Long: This is Mr. Long's 13th season coaching. He said that the loss of a season to COVID did affect some of the athletes, but they have picked

The coaches have all shared very positive opinions about this season. Thank you to the coaches for letting me bother them during practice. Good luck to Northern Lehigh's Track and Field Team!

Northern Lehigh Swimming Pool Association

By **Samantha Mack**
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As most of us know, the Northern Lehigh Swimming Pool has not been open for the past several years. Covid has affected everyone the past couple of years, but how has damage, Covid, and motor/main function damage also affected the pool? The NL Pool has meetings every month, whether it's a fundraising meeting or just a general meeting about the current standpoints of the pool. The pool has a board consisting of the following seven members: Pool President Jessica Mack, NL Pool Vice President and Treasurer Kathy Barhight-Herzog,

NL Pool Secretary Jessica Rehrig, Celeste Williams, Chris Leslie, and Linda Sayers. The



last time the pool was renovated was seven years ago. Since then, there have been many issues with the interior. The board and community members have worked hard to hold fundraisers to raise money for the pool.

Some of these fundraisers were a purse bingo, raffle tickets, and more. The pool has also received grants that will help them to reopen. This year, the pool will not be able to open. They are working very hard to open again for the 2023 season. People interested in helping should check the pool's Facebook page. All information about fundraisers, cleanup opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and a link to the GoFundMe is there. The pool is hopeful for the coming seasons and more summers of fun in the Northern Lehigh Community!

Ukraine's Conundrum

By Patrick Conway

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If you haven't heard about it already, Ukraine is having a small problem. We've covered two other events this year, the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, and the trial of Kyle Rittenhouse. This single event, however, is due to completely change the political framework of the entire world.

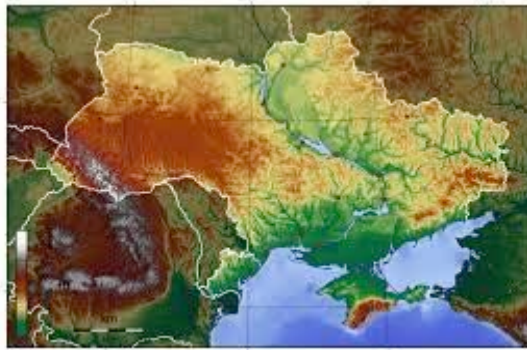
UKRAINE

Ukraine is a fairly large nation settled west of Russia. It originally began as a federation of Finnic, East Slavic, and Baltic people, known as the Kievan Rus. After its invasion by the Mongols, the Kievan Rus disbanded, becoming a vassal state known as the Kingdom of Ruthenia. Two kings claimed the throne and decided to fight the Mongols head-on. In doing so, they died without an heir, where Ruthenia collapsed. It was absorbed into Poland and Lithuania, which were later partitioned between the Austrians, Russians, and Prussians. After some land gains, Russia controlled all of Ukraine's modern-day borders and was granted independence upon the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Ukraine is rather poor, ranking 55th in the world for GDP. The country has a large industry base and is one of the largest exporters of grain in the world. Ukraine has had a long history of corrupt politics, but the current president has been making strides to stop this.



Here's a picture of Ukraine's political borders and Crimea. Crimea is a peninsula located south of Ukraine. Crimea is no longer a part of Ukraine as it was annexed by Russia in 2014.



Here's an altitude map of Ukraine. It is a hilly country, with the Carpathian mountains occupying a large portion of the west.

Now that we've got a bit of background information, we can finally get on to the conundrum Ukraine is facing.

EVENTS LEADING UP TO INVASION

Although Ukraine and Russia are currently at war, a few years back the two countries had good relations. Kyiv and Moscow maintained fair relations and normalized trade with one another. This is the result of Viktor Yanu-

kovich. Viktor was a staunch Russophile and hated the West. Viktor had joined the Party of Regions as soon as it formed in 1997. Viktor had won the election in 2004. It was overturned, however, and Yanukovich was ousted in favor of Viktor Yushchenko. Yushchenko had previously been the pro-Western prime minister of Ukraine.

Yushchenko's rule didn't last, and in 2010 he was replaced by Yanukovich. Yanukovich normalized trade with Moscow in 2013 and cut off all ties to the EU. Although the country's money was flowing into the hands of oligarchs before, Yanukovich allowed the oligarchs to take more power-- and subsequently, more money. This caused the Revolution of Dignity, which resulted in the toppling of Yanukovich's regime. During this unrest, pro-Russian mercenaries successfully took Crimea, which was later absorbed into Russia. Donbas, a region filled with Russians and Russophiles, broke away from Ukraine, forming the Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics. This doesn't go well with the Ukrainians, who have made numerous attempts over the years to take back their territory.

The Russians assisted the Donetsk and Luhansk multiple times, although never recognizing their independence officially. The Russians, in 2014, assisted Donetsk by sending eight brigades to fight in Ilovaik. The battle was a disaster. Hundreds of people died on both sides of the battle, and until

now it was the single deadliest engagement of the entire war. The Russians, after suffering a mass amount of casualties, pulled out of the region until 2021, when they began their preparations for the invasion.



Pictures of DPR militias fighting alongside a BTR-80, during the Battle of Ilovaisk. The BTR-80 is an armored personnel carrier (APC) that is standard-issue in the Russian Ground Forces.

THE INVASION

Clashes had been occurring from February 17 to February 21 between Ukraine and the two breakaway republics, with shellings occurring all along Ukraine's frontlines. On February 22, Russia began moving troops into Donetsk and Luhansk. This was followed by DDoS attacks on banking and governmental websites and the evacuation of Russia's embassy. Volodymyr Zelenskyy, president of Ukraine, conscripted all military reservists and began a 30-day state of emergency. He begged the UNSC for an emergency meeting. Half an hour after the meeting came, Putin announced that military operations would begin in Ukraine.

The war had only been successful the first few days but

quickly turned sour due to terrible strategy. The Kremlin's goal was to take Kyiv and starve out the center of the country by starting full-scale assaults all along the Ukrainian frontlines. There are two underlying issues in Russia's invasion. The first is the inability to deal with Ukrainian guerillas. Guerillas are soldiers who use a variety of hit-and-run tactics to pester soldiers and destroy supply lines. Both professional soldiers and militias have extensively used these tactics. Soldiers in contested areas ambush Russians frequently, while ones behind lines do anything possible to sabotage equipment and sever supply lines.

The second issue is their doctrine. Russia's strategy is similar to that of Germany during World War Two. The Russians have infantry defend their armor and mechanized equipment-- something known as an armored spearhead. The difference between the two countries is that German divisions would encircle cities before besieging them, rather than just charging into cities expecting change. The Battle at Kyiv, at the time of writing, has lasted almost a month with almost no territorial gains made. Russia prefers to prioritize its vehicles rather than its infantry, causing unnecessary deaths.

Let's also keep note of the war crimes going on in Ukraine. Footage from drones has found Russian troops executing innocent people on roads, and the recent retreat from major cities has re-

vealed devastating attacks against civilians. Over two-thousand reports of war crimes have been recorded. Many of these have been found in the town of Bucha, where pictures show the corpses of citizens, beaten and riddled with bullet wounds. Many were thrown into mass graves, while others were dragging onto the sides of roads or just left to rot.

Aside from all the carnage and chaos, we have seen incredible feats and acts of bravery in this war. In the early stages of the war, a Russian warship demanded the capitulation of a coastal fort in Ukraine via radio. Rather than handing over the fort, the Ukrainian that responded cursed at the ship, making international news. Ukraine's navy confirmed the survival of the man. Brave citizens, both men and women, have taken up arms to repel the fiery Russian attacks. Some citizens internationally have volunteered to move to Ukraine to provide aid.

Companies have closed their doors in Ukraine, and while it doesn't do much, it proves a point to the Russian government and people. Other companies have made hefty donations to the cause. Epic Games, the creators of Fortnite, have donated over seventy million dollars towards humanitarian relief, becoming the top corporation donating to Ukraine. The West has provided thousands of weapons and millions of bullets to the Ukrainians in an attempt to support the cause.

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PREDICTIONS

While the situation in Ukraine has slowly started to de-escalate, I believe it will become worse with time-- not only militarily, but also politically. Russia, like the US, has always been persistent when attempting to reach its goals. While both can be compromising, both have tendencies to protect their interests and disregard those of other countries and their people. Russia, as of now, is taking this to the extreme. The “demilitarization and denazification” of Ukraine is, at least in my opinion, an excuse for expanding their influence. Russia has only occupied land near them-- they never have really had overseas influence (I mean diplomatically, not politically.). Being able to control major industries, like Ukraine’s wheat and mining industries, would allow Russia to gain more influence than it currently has.

This situation is also likely going to cause waves of national fervor across the planet. Ethnically diverse areas have already seen rising tensions over the last few years. If Russia can invade Ukraine with no direct initiative to fight back, what’s stopping the Mongo people from attacking the Alur people? On a larger scale, what’s stopping Serbia from attacking its neighbors in the Balkans? The consequence of staying out of national affairs entirely is that people are more likely to do things like this.

CONCLUSION

The war in Ukraine, simply put, sucks. We’ve had tons of issues in the last two years. Although COVID sucked, and the racial tensions weren’t much better, I can say, in time, this will probably top the list of “worst events of the decade,” just because of the probability that other issues will result. North

Korea is already testing new missiles and threatening its southern counterparts. China has been commencing some suspicious operations in Taiwan’s “no-fly zone.” It is inevitable that, at some point in the future, things will really go south.

We probably won’t be able to avoid the conflicts that ensue. However, we can all help in one way or another. It’s not just big companies that can save Ukraine-- you can help too. Many organizations are actively taking in money to provide food, medical supplies, and other essentials to refugees and militias alike. **If you’d like to find a charity to assist in helping the people of Ukraine, you can use the link [here](#).**



Everything You Need to Know About

WORDLE

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If you have communicated with any other human beings since October of 2021, you probably know about the online browser game Wordle, and perhaps even of its spinoff games, such as [Quordle](#), [Crosswordle](#), and [Absurdle](#), to name a few. [Wordle](#) is a digital website game that has captivated over 2 million users with its mind-churning word puzzles and competitive aura. It's really quite simple: each day a random five-letter word is selected, and users must try to identify the word in six guesses or less. Usually, a person will start with a signature word, such as 'upset' or 'sound.' Once this word is entered, the letters will turn gray, green, or yellow. A gray letter means that the letter is not a part of the word. A yellow letter means that the letter is a part of the word, but is not in the right place. A green letter means that the letter is both a part of the word and in the right place. Sounds easy, right? Well, here comes the competitive side of Wordle. The game saves your statistics from each day that you have played, so you can see how many words you've guessed on the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth tries. Many people like to compare statistics, get the word in the fewest guesses, and even just play together, making the game all the more popular.

Now, one question a lot of people have is, "Why is this game so popular?" Well, one reason could be the game's easy accessibility. Instead of being an app, [Wordle](#), is a free, downloadless game you can play on a website. This enables the game to be played on mobile devices and computers alike. Another reason for Wordle's

growing popularity could be the competition it generates. Statistics can easi-



The number 9 is in the solution and in the correct spot.

The number 2 is in the solution but in the wrong spot.

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ly be shared onto social media platforms, and many people just like to battle each other for the lowest amount of guesses. However, the main reason for Wordle's fame might actually be psychological. In an Insider article, psychologist Lee Chambers said that Wordle, "stimulate[s] both the language- and logic-processing centers of our brains." During this process, the brain releases dopamine, a chemical that generates pleasure, motivation, and learning. This causes us to want to return to the game every day.

However, many fans dislike waiting each day for a new [Wordle](#), so several spin-off games have been unofficially created. Among them are [Quordle](#), [Octordle](#), [Dordle](#), [Sedecordle](#), [Word Master](#), [Hello Wordl](#), [Absurdle](#), [Nerdle](#), [Primel](#), [Herdle](#), [Worldle](#), and more. The spinoff games Quordle, Octordle, Dordle, and Sedecordle are word puzzles similar to those of Wordle's. However, they in-

struct you to solve multiple words instead of just one. Dordle has you solving for two, [Quordle](#) for four, [Octordle](#) for eight, and [Sedecordle](#) for sixteen.

The next two Wordle spin-offs, [Word Master](#) and [Hello Wordl](#), are very similar in the fact that they both offer unlimited Wordle-based games. [Hello Wordl](#), however, allows you to change the number of letters in the word that you are guessing. You can choose words as short as four letters, or as long as eleven. Absurdle is another spin-off game that blatantly tries to point you in the wrong direction when guessing your word. According to the website, the game does not start with a pre-chosen word. Instead, the word is determined as you make your guesses, giving the game a longer duration.

The next Wordle-based games are Nerdle and Primel, two spin-off games that involve math rather than words. Nerdle has you guess a math equation, while Primel just has you guess a five-digit number. Both are fun, challenging, and great for those who love a little math.

Next, Herdle is a popular game that plays a clip of music for you to use in your guessing. From this clip, you must supply the name of the song and the name of the song's artist. Finally, we have Worldle, a geographical version of the Wordle game. In Worldle, you are supplied with six guesses to correctly identify the country or territory given. Replacing the original game's traditional gray, green, and yellow tiles, Worldle instead gives you distance, direction, and proximity percentage.

This game is a great Wordle alternative for those who dislike math and English. That's all I have to report on the game that is taking the world by storm. I hope you have enjoyed reading this article and maybe learned something new along the way!



We “Will” “Rock” You:

What Happened At The Oscars and Why?

By **Melody Lindenmoyer**
Team 8 Barker

If you have TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, or any kind of social life, I’m sure you’ve heard of the slap heard around the world: Will Smith unexpectedly smacked Chris Rock in the face on live television!

Comedian Chris Rock was one of the hosts for the 94th Oscars awards. Both Jada Pinkett Smith and Will Smith were nominated for best documentary feature. This moment is a very proud and uplifting time not just for them as a couple, but for African American actors around the world. Following this nomination, Chris Rock proceeded to make a joke about which of the two is taking home the award, stating, “Now, if she loses, he can’t win.” The whole crowd, along with Will and Jada, had a laugh. All seemed well until Chris Rock possibly took it one step too far; Chris Rock then stated, “Jada, I love ya. G.I. Jane--can’t wait to see it!” Following this joke, there was

a mixture of laughter and booing among the crowd. One of the people caught laughing included Will Smith himself. His wife, on the other hand, did the complete opposite. She gave both Chris and Will

to give herself a buzzcut.

Soon after the joke had escaped Chris’s lips, that’s when everything went downhill. Will Smith walked right up onto the stage and slapped Chris

Rock straight in the face. Chris Rock (before the slap) must have thought Will was coming up to create a skit with him or overall have a laugh. He did not expect a smack to the face. That’s not all that happened; most people had not even seen the full clip of the moment, due to it being censored. Unedited videos of the altercation were available

online, causing a media frenzy.



the “Death Stare.”

You may be wondering, “Who is G.I. Jane?” If you were confused, this joke relates to Jada’s shaved head. In the movie that many of us probably have not seen, the lead actress, Demi Moore, shaves her head to play the character Jordan O’Neill. What made this offensive to some people is that Jada is currently suffering from Alopecia. Alopecia areata is a disorder that causes hair to come out, often in clumps – this can be caused by genetics and/or stress. Because of Jada’s condition, she decided

Well, why else could Will Smith had smacked Chris Rock? There has to be more of a reason for him to downright assault a person other than making an offensive joke, right? A joke that wasn’t even about him? I mean, he was seen laughing at the joke himself. The camera cut back to Chris’s face right afterward, so we couldn’t see his switch from laughter to pure anger. Well, what if I told you there was another reason for this? What if it had something to do with Will’s own inner thoughts

and self-loathing? If you look into Will's most recent book, you can see the hidden depths of his life. In his memoir, a theme he keeps repeating over and over again is the fact that he believes that he is a coward and not good enough. He shares countless stories from his life where he should have stood up and done what he believed was right, but instead cowered in fear, causing him to freeze up. For example, when his father was mistreating his mother right in front of his face, he knew something was wrong and that he should put his foot down and stop it, yet he wouldn't do anything to stop it. All he could do was watch in fear. He says multiple times throughout his book that being a coward is the part of himself he hates the most. In later years, Will would do outrageous things to prove to himself and others that he was not a coward, that he could face his fears, and that he could protect and save others and the people he cares for deeply.

This book only came out a few months ago, so it can be speculated that most of the thoughts and feelings he has been harboring about himself are considered newly surfaced. Could his psychological conclusions about himself trigger his knee-jerk reaction?

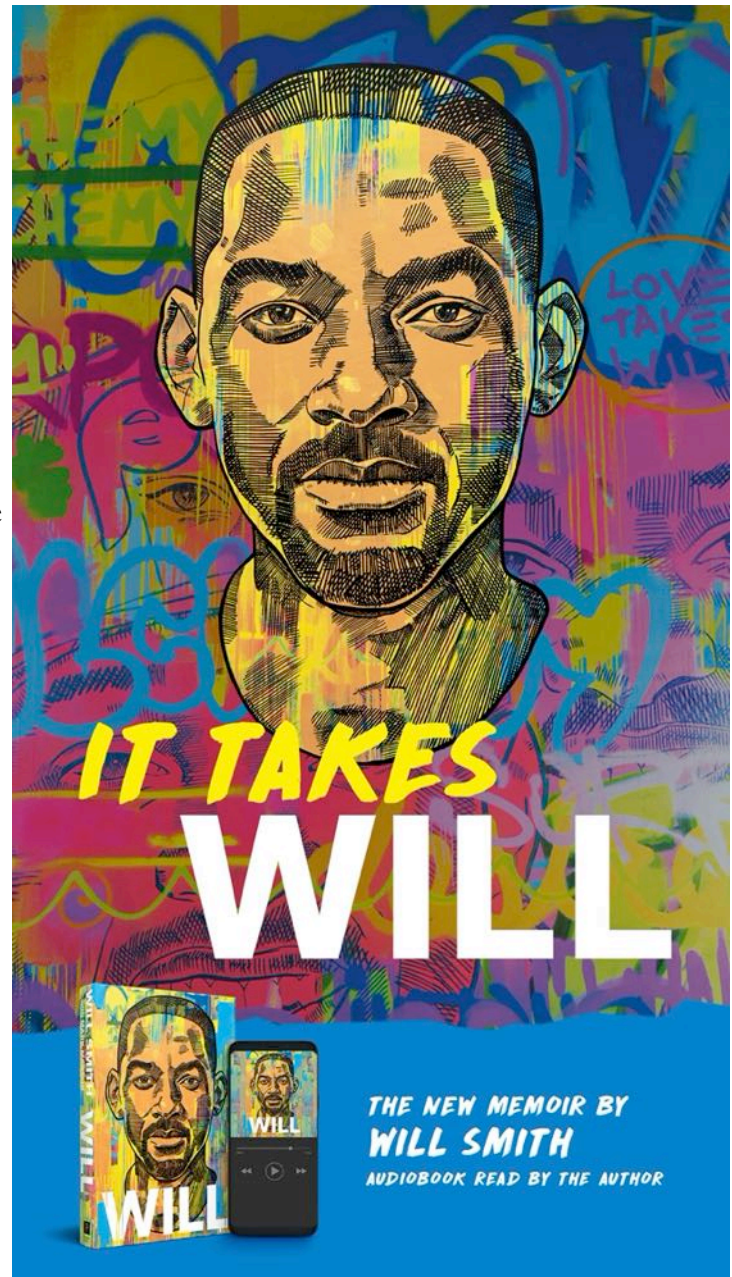
Even with both of those reasons, was it still alright for Will to slap Chris over the joke? On Chris's side, most comedians are given the pass to make outrageous and offensive jokes – that's what gets peoples' attention. I'm sure we could find jokes told by other comedians to be much more offen-

sive than this one by simply searching up the name of a comedian and/or their jokes. Does Chris not get a pass, or was this just a bit too far?

In the end, Will Smith proceeded to get the award and give a somewhat apologetic speech, "I'm being called on in my life...to love people...and to protect people. In this business, you got to be able to have people disrespecting you...and you gotta smile, and you gotta pretend like that's okay. Denzel said to me a few minutes ago, he said 'At your highest moment be careful, that's when the devil comes for you.'"

But was it worth it? The Academy put out a tweet stating how they do not promote violence of any kind and has been heard saying that Will Smith has been banned from the Oscars for ten years. Luckily for Will, the LAPD has put out an announcement saying that they

were aware of the incident and how Chris Rock decided not to press charges against him. This got me thinking, would you press charges against someone if they did this to you? Or are you on Will's side of this story? Did



Chris Rock deserve what was coming to him? Violence is not condoned, but was Will justified in his reaction? It is possible that Will's reactions stem from deep-seated feelings about his own self-worth, as indicated in his memoir?

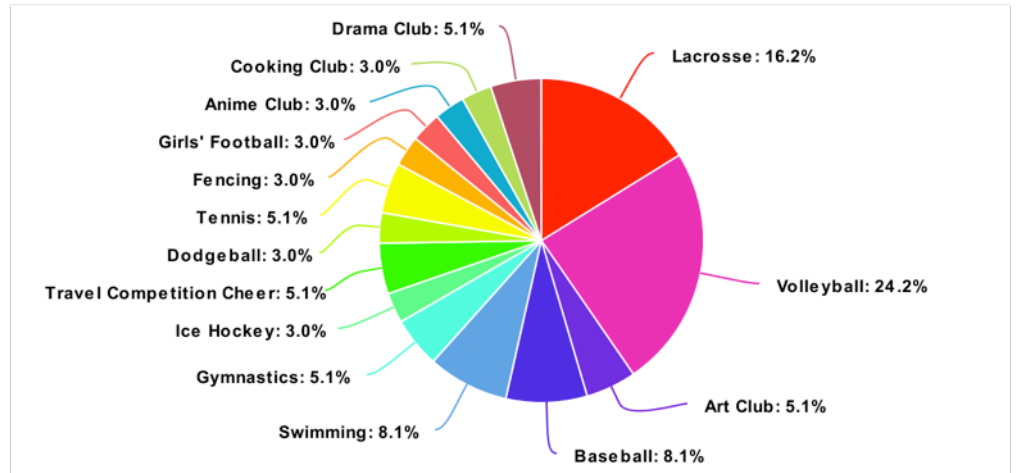
Which Clubs and Sports Would You Like to See in Our School?

By Andi Szwast
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Recently, the students of Northern Lehigh Middle School were asked to submit a Google Form that asked them which club(s) or sport(s) they would like to see in our school. In a feat potentially related to the approaching date of the volleyball tournament at that point in time, most of the students who completed the form voted for our school to have a volleyball team. The second-most voted sport was lacrosse, with 16.2% of the students voting for it. In a tie for third place are the sports baseball and swimming, and following close behind in fourth are drama club, tennis, travel competition cheer, gymnastics, and art club.

And finally, in fifth place, cooking club, anime club, girls' football, fencing, dodgeball, and ice hockey have all tied.

Clubs and Sports Poll



- Lacrosse
- Volleyball
- Art Club
- Baseball
- Swimming
- Gymnastics
- Ice Hockey
- Travel Competition Cheer
- Dodgeball
- Tennis
- Fencing
- Girls' Football
- Anime Club
- Cooking Club
- Drama Club

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Which Dum Dum Flavor Are You?

*Are you a Butterscotch?
Perhaps, a Mystery?*

Written by Andi Szwast
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Spring Trivia

*How much do you know about this sneezy
season?*

Written by Melody Lindenmoyer
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Random Facts You May Not Know!

By Savannah Hall

Team 8 Barker

History Facts

1. Turkeys were once worshiped like gods.
2. Paul Revere shouted “the British are coming.”
3. The Olympics used to have metal for art.
4. Alexander the Great was accidentally buried alive.
5. The Jack the Ripper case has never officially been solved for almost 200 years.



Book Facts

1. There are about 130 million books published in the world.
2. The most expensive book is called “The Codex Leicester.”
3. The largest collection of books owned by a person is 1.5 million books.
4. If you read for 20 minutes a day, you will read 1.8

million words per year.

5. Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press.

Dog Facts

1. Dogs' wet noses are to help absorb chemical scents.
2. The Beatles song “A Day in the Life” has a frequency only dogs can hear.
3. Three dogs survived the Titanic sinking.
4. The tallest dog is 44 inches.
5. 30% of Dalmatians are deaf.

Cats Facts

1. They can jump 6 times their height.
2. Cats sleep 70% of their lives.
3. There are over 500 million pet cats in the world.
4. One year in human years is 15 in cat years.
5. A house cat can run 30 mph for a short distance.

Why Do Birds Hit Windows?

And what can you do to prevent it?

By Landon Rosado

Team 8 Barker

The reflecting foliage and the blue sky, all look like inviting places to fly into. Because the sheer number of windows is so great, their toll on birds is huge. For birds, glass windows are invisible to them. Up to about 1 billion birds die from flying into windows in the United States each year!



Sadly, the birds that hit windows often die, even when it is only temporarily stunted and manages to fly away. Many times these

birds die from internal bleeding or bruising.

There are two main types of window collisions; daytime and nighttime. In the daytime, birds crash into windows because they see reflections of vegetation or see through the glass to potted plants. At night, nocturnal migrants including most songbirds crash because they fly into lighted windows. For reasons not understood, lights divert nocturnal

migrants from their original path, especially in foggy conditions. There is one additional reason birds sometimes see their reflection in a window and attack it. This happens most frequently in the spring.



You can identify dangerous windows which include large picture windows, paired windows at right angles to each other, or windows with feeders outside. Go outside and look at your windows from a bird's point of view. If you see branches or sky reflected in or visible through the glass, that's what birds will see too.

Here are some ideas to make your windows safe:

To deter small birds, vertical markings on windows to be spaced no more than 4 inches

apart and horizontal markings no more than 2 inches apart across the entire window. All markings should be applied to the outside of the window with tempera paint or soap, or colored tape.

Decals- put decals, stickers, sun catchers, mylar stripes, masking tape, or other objects on the outside surface of the window. These are only effective when spaced very close together.

Screens- installing mosquito screens over your windows is very effective, as long as they are on the outside of the window

and cover the entire surface.

Netting- cover the glass on the outside with netting at least 3 inches from the glass; taut enough to bounce birds off before they hit. Small mesh netting is best.

One-way transparent film - permits people on the inside to see out, but makes the window appear opaque on the outside. They can also reduce the amount of light that comes in your windows.

Add interior vertical blinds and keep the slats only half-open.

If you've got windows near a bird feeder, you should make feeders bird-friendly by placing the feeder further away from the windows. Don't worry about how far away birds have to fly to get to the feeder.

Together, we can save the innocent lives of the birds around us if we take these precautions!

Top 10 Easter Candy

By **Bella Haydt**
Team 8 Barker

Easter, like other holidays, has candy front and center! So many of them are popular and loved by many, but which ones are the most popular? Here are the top 10 most popular Easter candies for 2022!

1. Russel Stover's Flavored Eggs
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Eggs
3. Lindt Chocolate Carrots
4. Peeps
5. Chocolate Bunnies
6. Whoppers Robin Eggs
7. Hershey's Chocolate-Covered Marshmallow Eggs
8. Cadbury Creme Eggs
9. Easter M&M's
10. Jelly Beans



Spring Theme Recipes!

By **Bella Haydt**
Team 8 Barker

Spring is here! Dig in from your garden to make these!

Veggie Bunnies



Ingredients:

- 1 Jicama, peeled and sliced into 1/2" circles
- 2 tablespoons whipped light cream cheese
- 12 Chives
- 2 Cherry Tomatoes halved
- 1 Persian Cucumbers
- 8 Edamame
- 2 Breakfast Radishes, tops removed and slices lengthwise
- 2 Red Radishes, cut into coins
- 8 Broccoli Florets
- 8 small baby carrots, peeled

Preparation:

- 1: Place a Jicama circle on a plate.
- 2: Place the whipped cream in a Ziploc bag and cut a small piece off the corner to create a piping bag.
- 3: Slice one half of the Persian Cucumber into coins and the other half slice on the bias.
- 4: Place 2 of the lengthwise cucumber slices at the top of the Jicama to create ears.
- 5: Squeeze a dollop of cream

cheese onto the cucumbers and top with 2 slices of the Breakfast Radish.

6: Squeeze 2 small dots of cream cheese near the top of the Jicama circle and press a Radish circle onto each one to form eyes.

7: Using the cream cheese as glue, press a cucumber coin and edamame onto each radish eye.

8: Squeeze a small dot of cream cheese onto the center of the Jicama circle and place 3 Chives on top of the cream cheese, spreading them out to form whiskers.

9: Place a Cherry Tomato half on top of the Chives to create a nose

10: Place 2 carrots next to the Veggie Bunny and place the Broccoli florets at the top of the carrots.

Fruit Flower Topped Mini



Pancake Stacks

Ingredients:

- 165 grams homemade instant pancake mix
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoons vegetable or coconut oil + extra for frying
- 140 milliliters of water
- 2 large strawberries

- 1 round sliced watermelon
- 1 round sliced pineapple
- 4 blueberries

Preparation:

- 1: Place 165 grams of the homemade pancake mix in a large bowl
- 2: Break 1 large egg into a glass and lightly whisk
- 3: Melt the oil and add the dry pancake mix along with the whisked egg and 140 milliliters of water
- 4: Lightly whisk everything together until just combined
- 5: Spoon the pancake mix into a sauce bottle or a piping bag then leave the rest for 5 minutes while you heat up the pan
- 6: Heat a frying pan on medium heat and add a little oil and swirl it around the pan
- 7: Draw then fill minicircles of pancake mixture to make your pancakes
- 8: Cook the pancakes until they start to bubble up, then flip them over and cook them on the other side until they are golden
- 9: Remove from the pan a repeat until all the mixture is used up
- 10: Slice the strawberries into thick rounds before cutting them into a flower shape, then cut them. You can do the same with the pineapple and watermelon
- 11: Cut the blueberries in half and press one half, cut side down, into the center of each of the pineapple and melon flowers
- 12: Stack the mini pancakes, 4 or 5 to a pile. Push a fruit flower onto a plastic skewer, then

Fascinating Science: Mushrooms

By Colleen Gilsbach
Team 8 Barker

I know quite a few people who think mushrooms are aesthetic, myself included, and really cool. I've always been fascinated by fungi and really anything that has to do with mushrooms. It turns out that mushrooms are really cool, even with biology! The life cycle, production, and colors of these fungi are very interesting, in my opinion.



Mushrooms don't have seeds, because they actually grow from spores. They are always eating decomposing plants and animal carcasses, basically cleaning up nature. They usually search the soil for nutrients. These fungi need a

few specific conditions to grow, so most farmers grow them inside. Each variety has different needs, and without nurturing them properly, the fungi might not grow.

Mushrooms don't need light to grow. They prosper with it, but it's not necessary for them to grow properly. When they are exposed to ultraviolet light, mushrooms can contain a concentration of Vitamin D. As they are fairly easy to grow, these fun fungi can be grown in all 50 states. It's pretty amazing where mushrooms can and will grow! Last but not least, mushrooms are one of the most sustainable food sources on this planet!

I really liked writing this article and I think mushrooms are pretty cool. I hope this article was a joy to read and that you liked it, but whatever the case, thanks for reading!



Mushroom Fun Facts

- **Fruit or Vegetable? Neither!** Mushrooms are fungi, which is a totally different kingdom from plants or animals!
 - Mushrooms can grow indoors all year long, and unlike green plants, do not require sunlight to grow.
- Mushrooms grow from spores, not seeds, and they double in size every day. Depending on the variety, mushrooms are harvested every 16-35 days.
 - Mushrooms are high in several key nutrients, including Vitamin B, can make Vitamin D when exposed to sunlight, and are also low in calories, fat free, and low sodium! In fact, a single Portabella mushroom can contain more potassium than a banana!
- Mushrooms can grow in almost every state in the U.S., but about 60% of commercially grown mushrooms come from Pennsylvania
 - Mushrooms are also sometimes referred to as toadstools.
- Mushrooms are approximately 90% water



BOTW 2 & Multiverse of Madness

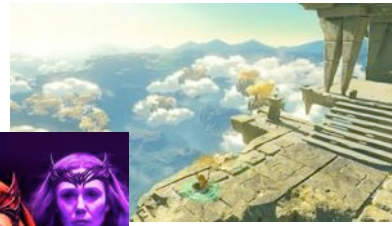
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What I Wish Would Come
Out Soon . . .

We have all been waiting for something this year . . . Whether it be school ending or a new game that has been in the works longer than you knew it existed, we all are excited about something. A friend of mine is waiting for *Splatoon 3*, and I know that everyone was waiting for the pandemic to end two years ago. Quarantine was not fun . . .

Anyway, this year’s catalog of things being released was immense! There were a ton of Nintendo games, quite a few movies, and some shows that have all been announced. I’ve recently been excited about the new Dr.

Strange movie, *Multiverse of Madness*. Dr. Strange is one of my favorite Marvel heroes, and I really want to see this new movie. The ads for it



there. It was announced in 2019, three years ago. I’ve figured that it was just Covid ruining everything again, but I don’t know. . .



According to Nintendo, they’ve been working on this game since 2016. A man called Peer Schneider, who works with IGN, believes that it will be released in November, but nothing is for certain.

look super exciting, plus it could be a chance to look closer at “WHAT IF . . . ?”

There is another thing I’ve been excited about, the Sequel to *Breath of the Wild*. It doesn’t even have a name yet . . . The game is supposed to come out this year, but no news has been seen, other than a few rumors here and

This article was more speculation and research than actual news, but I enjoyed writing it and I hope you enjoyed reading it.

(Postscript: So . . . BotW 2 has been postponed until 2023 . . . which is so sad.)

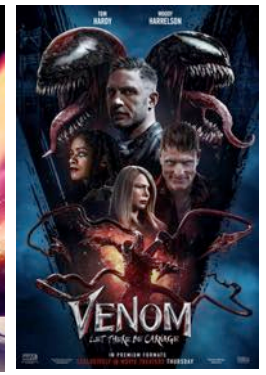
Top 8 Movies for 2022

By Bella Haydt
Team 8 Barker

There have been a bunch of amazing new movies in the movies theaters lately, so let’s see the top 8 right now!



1. *Sing 2*
2. *Spiderman: No Way Home*
3. *Encanto*
4. *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*
5. *Venom: Let There Be Change*
6. *The Tiger Rising*
7. *Redeeming Love*
8. *The King’s Daughter*



BULLDOG HAPPENINGS!



Congrats go out to our amazing What's So Cool About Manufacturing team on their win for "Outstanding Team Spirit." They worked with Piramal Critical Care, Inc. throughout this program. Way to go!

Pictured, Back Row: Mrs. Frank, Evelina Mayak, Olivia Schaeffer, Adriana Danyluk, Samantha Mack

Pictured, Front Row: Landon Rosado and Kylee Snyder

Congrats to Lacey Groover for her second place prize in the Women's Club of Slatington art contest!

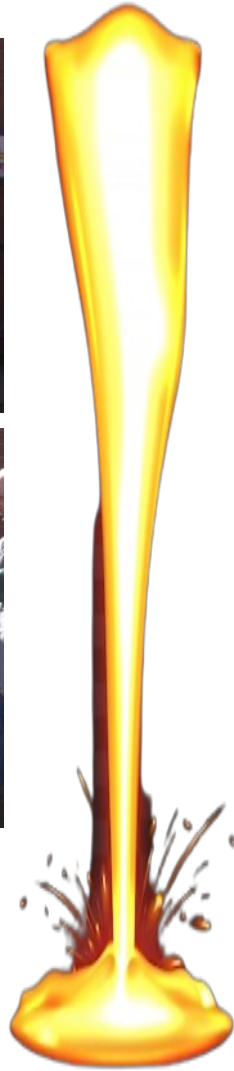


BULLDOG HAPPENINGS!

VOLCANO DAY



Northern Lehigh Middle School science teachers Mr. Meixsell and Ms. Shonk led their 8th grade students through various volcano experiments.



doghouse fiction



By Melody Lindenmoyer
Team 8 Barker

If I had a world of my own

If I had a world of my own, everything would be in fact absurdity
Nobody would be as was because everything would have what has never
And further thought, everything that stands could have never evolved
What it wouldn't be, it would

Ducks and mice, Cats and Dogs with Pigs and Sheep can live in flowery cottages
And be wrapped in flats and hats and slacks

With pretty dotted bow ties tied tightly around their neck
In a world of my own

Blossoms would have additional extraordinary features with petals and stems galore
They will chat with me just for days

Down when I'm gone forever
There'd be no fights, bickers, or flickers

Everyone would sing thousands of songs
Right in the world of my own

I could listen to the pitter-patter of waterfall drops
And the plip-plod of the cattle carp crops

I'd have a ditty that I would know to own
I wish I had a world of my own

Because a world of my own would be a fantastical fairyland
Then, when one's far gone, one must agree

Abide where I am
Only dream afar

But you'd never consider looking for me in my sanity
No one, that's who, no one at all

Not one, not two, three, or four
Zero, none, nothing

Follow the words
That explain of problem

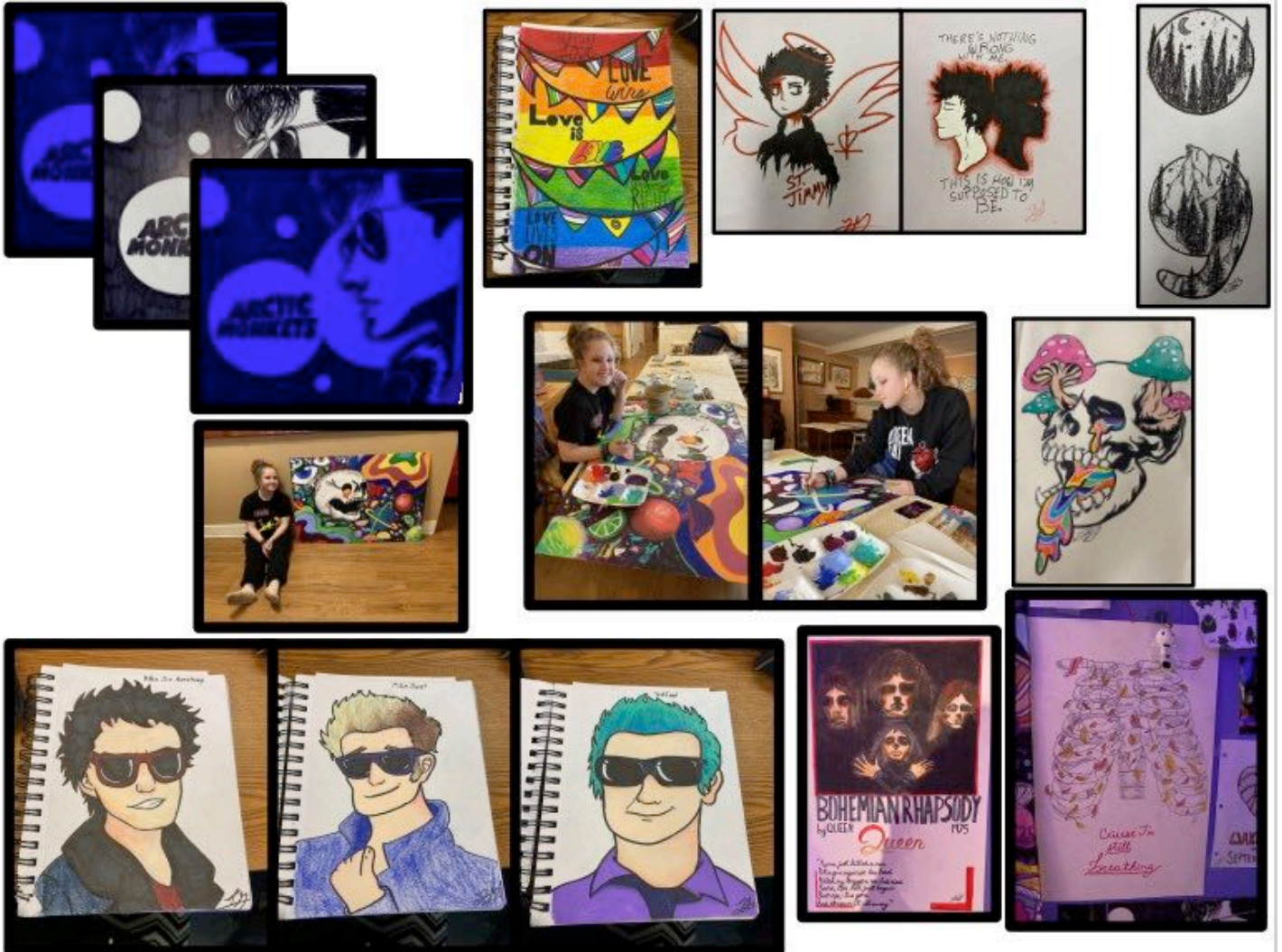
The wait shall be forever
And I love the change, should something strange

I went along my merry way, and I never stopped to reason
I should've known my mind would come

Would I never can I could if I should, would follow will would, if I could?
In a world of my own



BULLDOG ART!



Top: Lacey Groover

Bottom: Emily Mack



Lacey Groover's ART-icle



By Lacey Groover

Team 8 Barker

If you aren't very close to me and had to say one fact or thing that you know about me you'd probably say I like to draw, a lot, like a lot more than I probably should, but there is reasoning for it. My family has a big history with art, and if you were in my ELA class last year, you would know about my slam poem called "Paint isn't Just Paint." I discuss the topic of how art means so much to me because of my great-grandmother-- who passed away when I was five. She was quite a whimsical artist and loved to do semi-abstract landscapes in a Van-Gogh-esque style. In this ART-icle, I would like to talk about how art can be for anyone and everyone including you.

I started to draw the moment I could pick up a red crayon, and even though it was my favorite flavor, I knew it belonged to be dragged along a piece of paper and not in my mouth. What I'm trying to say is that I've always had an interest in art. I remember having at least six of those like crappy art boxes. You know those? They have like a little bit of everything in them, and Lil' Lacey loved them. I had this pret-

ty nice wooden one that I remember bringing to karate while I waited for my sister's class to be done when I was quite little. If I could do art when I was 2 you can do art at the age that you are.

Art is a physical form of self-expression for everyone, and I think the artbook I did is a suitable representation of that. It's an exhibit where anyone can take a book and draw/ do



whatever they want in it, and then people can come into the place, put on a pair of gloves, and look through as many books as they want. My meemaw introduced me to this book, and she also did one.

Believe it or not, I believe that doodling is one of the best art forms out there. You're just pulling pure creativity from your bored mind and just putting it down, whatever it is. I love to doodle, but when I'm doodling it's really easy for me to hit an art block because I feel like I always need to make a masterpiece. Speaking of art blocks, aren't they stupid? I just want to draw,

but I can't think of anything. I just wish I could tell my brain to think of something, anything.

I'm not going to lie, creating a masterpiece that the majority of people will think is amazing is difficult to do, but art is subjective, and my personal rule is as long as you're happy with it, it's beautiful. Just because art is subjective, that doesn't mean that people can't give opinions, criticism, or advice. I used to think that constructive criticism was just insulting my work and would get angry at the person, but now I realize they literally just wanted the best for me and for me to improve. I'm glad I know the difference now. I just wish more people were confident in their art because most of the time it's better than they think it is.

You can do art as well; art doesn't mean it has to be "pretty" or "elegant" or "graceful" it can be a simple doodle or a gritty scribble. Art is creativity, YOU make it however YOU want it to be!





Spring Word Search



By Melody
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Team 8 Barker

Up, Down, Right, Left, Across

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Letter from the Advisor

I hope you enjoy your spring break with your friends and family! I am always proud of my students for what they write and create; however, I feel that this edition showcases



our students' diverse perspectives and experiences. This edition is loaded with informative pieces about our current state of the world, and I am proud of our Barkers for their awareness of what is going on around them and their willingness to share their reflections with our readers.

The Bulldog Bark serves to represent students' voices at Northern Lehigh, so speak up! *The Bulldog Bark* is always looking for more Barkers to add to the pack; even if you would like to contribute to just one issue. This paper serves to represent all of us. If you have any article ideas or are interested in writing at any point, please see me at the TIS office (across from the library) or send me an e-mail: bdunham@nlsd.org. Also, if you are a talented artist, I would love for you to feature your artwork! We have plenty of room to show off your skills!

I would like to acknowledge the 2021-2022 *Bulldog Bark* pack for another great edition.

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Savannah Hall, Bella Haydt, Melody Lindenmoyer,
Emily Mack, Samantha Mack, Landon Rosado, and Andi Szwast**

Welcome back!

-Mrs. Dunham