



Bulldog Retirements 2022:

Congratulations, Mrs. Farole and Ms. Case!

By Andi Szwast
Team 7 Barker

port math teachers continue to demonstrate her passion, kindness, and care. Best of luck to a

happy and healthy retirement, Mrs. Farole!

Mrs. Farole (left) and Ms. Case (right) are both retiring from Northern Lehigh School District. For those who know the two teachers well, it is only makes sense that they leave together as they're always attached by the hip! Let us bid all who is retiring a proper Northern Lehigh farewell!

This year, we at Northern Lehigh have to say goodbye to the beloved learning support math teacher Mrs. Farole, who has been making a difference in students' lives for 39 years in what she refers to as her "Lucky Room 13." Mrs. Farole has helped countless students who are struggling with math unlock their strengths, potential, and success, and in return, she will not be forgotten any time soon. We hope that the future learning sup-



What do you do in the district? I am a Learning Support Math teacher in the Middle School, currently in Lucky Room 13.

How long have you been working in the district? I have been working in the district since October of 1983 (39 years).

What made you decide to retire? I decided to retire because I am ready to relax, spend more time with my family, travel, and work on my photo albums/scrapbooks.

Do you know anything about who will be taking your job?

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Nicole Nightlinger, who used to be an Emotional Support teacher in the Middle School. I have worked with Nicole before, and I am excited that she is taking my position!

What do you enjoy about your job here?

I have truly enjoyed teaching math to my Learning Support students. I tried to make it so they were excited to learn higher-level math skills. I also enjoyed going into other math classes and helping all the students with their work. It was very rewarding to see these students understand what it is they were learning. I also really enjoyed working with the Middle School staff. They are an awesome bunch and very supportive of each other. I will miss seeing my Middle School Family every day. I have made some very good friends in that building.

What do you dislike about your job here?

I was never a fan of getting up so early in the morning to come to school. I am looking forward to sleeping in.

What are some of your favorite memories from your experiences working here?

My favorite memories will be teaching my students Pre-Algebra skills, especially 2 Step T-Charts and the Pythagorean Theorem! Lunchtime with my friends will be a favorite memory of mine. We had a lot of laughs!

What are you proud of doing for the district?

I have always been proud to be a Bulldog!



What impact have you had on students here?

I'm hoping that, besides teaching math skills, I taught students that staying positive and having confidence in themselves goes a long way. I have also tried to teach them that practicing skills is an important key to understanding the concepts.

How was your overall experience teaching here?

My overall experience was a positive one! I have worked with many awesome students and a terrific group of colleagues throughout the years.

What advice would you like to leave behind for students?

My advice to leave behind for students: To be the best student you can be, you need to have a positive attitude, and you must do your work to the best of your ability. That will help you develop a strong work ethic and help you accomplish your goals! I would advise students to get involved in activities such as sports or clubs. Be proud to be a Bulldog!

This year, Northern Lehigh Middle School has to say goodbye to the well-loved Miss Case. She taught many students and met many more through the middle school track. Miss Case had been working for the Northern Lehigh School District for 29 years, all of which have been spent helping students learn and realize their true brilliance and potential. We at the Bulldog Bark are very sad to see her go, but we



What do you dislike about your job here?

The biggest thing I dislike is the amount of paperwork that I have to complete.

What are some of your favorite memories from your experiences working here?

Some of my favorite memories include our field trips to Philadelphia, our PI drawings, and having students come back to visit.

What are you proud of doing for the district?

I am most proud of the amount of the genuine care and work that I have done for students.

What impact have you had on students

here? I like to think that I have had a positive influence on students.

How was your overall experience teaching

here? I have loved working for the Northern Lehigh School District.

What advice would you like to leave behind

for students? Make the most of your education, work hard, and be involved. This is your FUTURE!

hope that she has a long, fulfilling life full of enjoyment and relaxation.

What do you do in the district?

I am a Special Education teacher. I teach Learning Support ELA for both 7th and 8th grade.

How long have you been working in the district? 29 years for the district, 34 years total.

What made you decide to retire?

I wanted to help out my brother who has been caring for my mom and another brother. I also want to be able to enjoy retirement while I am healthy.

Do you know anything about who will be taking your job?

Nothing has been confirmed yet.

What do you enjoy about your job here? I enjoy working with students and helping them to reach their full potential. I also enjoy working with the staff/coworkers. I am very lucky to work with such a great bunch of people.

Mrs. Farole and Ms. Case will be missed greatly, we wish them both the best for their retirement!



The High School Scoop

From a Half-High Schooler

By Colleen Gilsbach
Team 8 Barker

Most graduating eighth graders are going to the high school next year, and that is a very daunting task. I am here to tell you all you need, and want, to know about high school as I already took a class across the way this school year!



First, I'm going to talk about the classes—they are pretty different from the middle school, due to the length and, of course, the material. There is a block schedule currently, making HS classes feel a bit different from the MS ones. There is a bit more freedom with rules, as you should be maturing. The way you behave can dictate the amount of freedom you have.

Make sure to keep these privileges, as they can be taken away in a moment's notice.

Next, the people—if you get lost, or don't know where to go, a senior will be happy to help, and be late to their own class.

Most people are nicer than they seem, but beware the bad people, they do exist. When you have a problem, one of the two guidance

counselors you are assigned can help you. There are many more clubs that you can join, and there are way more people you can befriend and hang out with. After that, the clubs (and fundrais-

ing)—there are many, many clubs run by faculty, and there is a ton of fundraising by each class. Every class must raise their own money for prom, dances, and any other events they would like. This means that you have responsibility for your group's funds. The clubs are plentiful, and every one is super fun. I know a student who started



a new club this year, and it was supported by many individuals. This can mean that you too can make a club. Like Mr. Hauser says,

“School is what you make it.” This is especially true for the high school.

Last, the building itself—it is much bigger than the middle school, and I have trouble navigating it. Ac-

ording to my sister, you will get used to it after a while. They have a huge library, where Mrs. T runs the Library Club, and where Mr. Prive runs the Chess Club and the D&D Club. They also have multiple science labs, and an enormous auditorium where some of the best HS theater productions are seen. There is also a large art room

where Mr. Shuey has art classes, and Art Club.

Just remember, the high school and the middle school are pretty similar, but things don't always work out the way they do here. The people are bigger, and the consequences are

more intense. You are the school, and the school will be only what you make it.

How 8th Graders Feel About Going to the High School

By **Bella Haydt**
Team 8 Barker

The school year is coming to an end very quickly. Next year, 7th graders will move up to 8th grade, and 8th graders will move up to 9th grade in the high school. Sometimes, switching from middle school to high school can be very challenging and scary. You are switching to a whole new school with more possibilities, so it means we are growing up and getting closer to becoming an adult and being on our own. For some people, it is a lot to take, but let's see what our 8th graders think about the huge transition!

"I mean, I hear it's not bad, so I'm not that nervous. It's like middle school, but higher." - Melody Lindenmoyer

"I'm a bit nervous because I've heard some stories about high school, but they might not be

true. I'm excited about the LCTI opportunities for high schoolers because it is such a good opportunity to help us with our hobbies and professions. It might be a bit to get used to at first, but I think it will be fine. I am nervous to meet new people and leave middle school because it's a whole new environment. Bigger tests, bigger projects, and more work. It also gets harder, so we have to be prepared and try our hardest. I'm ready for high school, but not

ready for the challenges that it may bring." - Bella Haydt

"I'm scared, but I feel like I'll do okay. I'm just scared of the fact that I'm gonna be a freshman. I'm sure I'll be fine." - Emily Mack

"I'm excited because there is so much more stuff to do." - Lacey Groover

"It's kind of bittersweet. Transitioning to high school kind of sucks, but at the same time sounds fun."—Anonymous



How to Stay Safe in Dangerous Weather Conditions

By Landon Rosado
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We used to know what to expect when it came to the weather. It was warm in the South, colder in the North, and there were dry seasons and rainy seasons. While an average of 145 tornadoes sweep through the United States each year between January and March, lately the average has been 218 twisters hitting between January and March. Then there were cold snaps that knocked out power in Texas, flash floods that tore through Tennessee, and yes tornadoes. In these dangerous weather conditions, we need to be prepared to be safe.

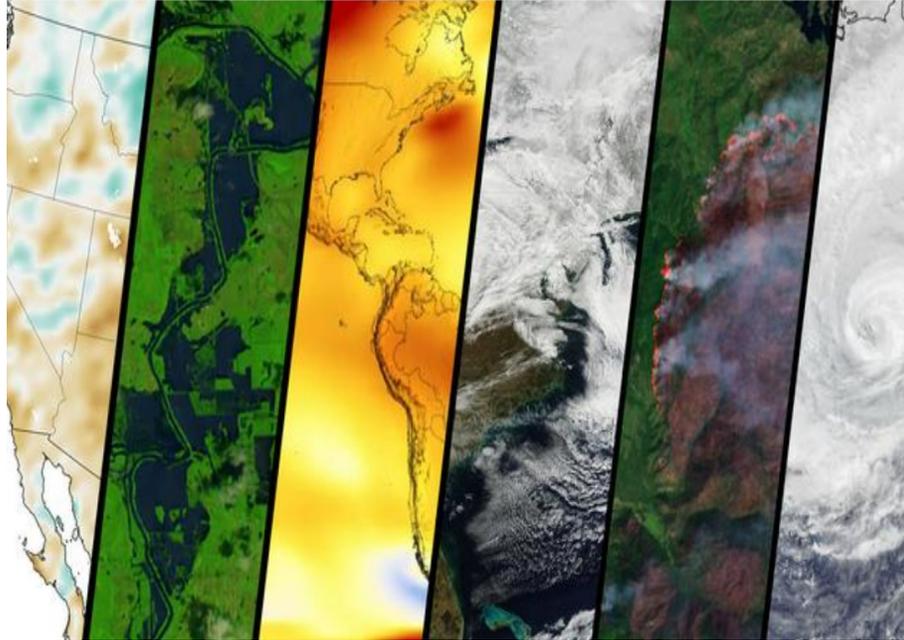
TORNADO HEADED YOUR WAY:

Not all tornadoes look the same. Many are not even visible; they can be in the rain, cloud cover, or darkness. Whirling dust or debris under thick clouds, rain, and hail, fast strong wind shift; loud roar that does not fade like thunder. Listen to all warnings on your radio, TV, or phone.

AT HOME:

The biggest tornado threat is debris (glass) flying 100-plus miles per hour winds. At home, avoid windows, and find a room in the center of your home for shelter. Basements are the best, anywhere windowless. Use sturdy furniture,

mattress, and thick blankets to protect yourself.



A blackout (power outage) can happen anytime. In winter due to

ice storms or blizzards. In spring or summer due to heavy wind or heavy rain storms. One of the most common hazards is carbon monoxide buildup in homes where people use electricity gener-

ators placed in or too close to the house.

IN A VEHICLE:

Try to drive away from the clouds. If not, park your vehicle out of traffic lanes and seek shelter. If you have to stay in your car because of flying debris, keep your seat belt on and lower your head below window level, and cover up with whatever you have.

IF YOU'RE STUCK OUTSIDE:

Get away from trees or vehicles and lie on your belly, in the lowest place you can find, like a ditch. Find anything you can to cover yourself.

THE POWER IS OUT

DURING A BLACKOUT:

Keep generators away from the house. At least 20 feet, for safety reasons. Never run a generator in your garage, even with the door open. A high concentration of the colorless, odorless gas can kill within five (5) minutes.

CAUGHT IN A FLASH FLOOD:

The top causes of flood-related drownings are driving into floodwater and walking in or near floodwater. Six inches of running water can knock someone off their feet. Even 12 inches of running water can move a vehicle and

2 feet of still water can float a vehicle.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK:

It's hard to estimate the depth of water, especially at night. No matter the size and weight of the vehicle, when water gets halfway up the tires, you are in trouble. If your tailpipe gets submerged, your car will stall. If your battery gets submerged, it will fail in 10 - 15 minutes. If the road you are driving on is submerged, don't take the risk to drive-through.

IF YOUR CAR STARTS TO FLOAT:

Stay in the vehicle as long as possible. Notify 911 with your location and vehicle description. Lower your windows several inches while you still have battery power. This will make it easier for first responders to break the window if necessary. If water fills the passenger area, it's time to get out and swim to safety as best you can. This is the last resort and the best reason not to drive through a flooded road.

Not all emergencies and bad weather will happen while you and your family are at home. Here are some tips to be emergency ready.



PHONE:

Keep your phone charged in case of any emergency. Don't let your phone run down. Don't get caught in a storm with a dead phone. Have a charged power bank ready at all times.

CAR IS READY:

Keep your car in running order. Don't ignore checking the engine or low fuel light. If you need to leave your home to keep your family safe, the last thing you want to do is be stuck in a line at a gas station.

stocked for emergencies. Keep food simple like Pop-Tarts and beef jerky, packaged snacks, and foods that will keep.

PETS:

Our pets are part of our family too. Make sure you have supplies for them. Your pet will need food, water, and medicines. Don't forget to have a harness, leash, or carrier nearby ready for an emergency.

SUPPLIES IN YOUR CAR:

You may be caught in a bad situation anywhere. Keep emergency supplies like first aid supplies (kit) flashlights, batteries, water, and nonperishable food in your car. You can make your own emergency kit out of an old backpack. That way when the time comes, you can grab the bag and go.

We can't always predict the next storm or emergency. That's why it's important to be prepared today.



FOOD AND MEDICINE:

Whether you are sheltering in your home or evacuating, it's important to have food, water and medicine

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The Elections: Who Should You Support?

By Patrick Conway

Team 8 Barker

The elections are getting close, and a lot is at stake. With Democratic approval ratings looking worse and worse, they will need to do everything possible to secure popularity and protect their majority. The Republicans are incapable of getting any laws passed in the house or senate, and cannot push any legislation. It's anyone's game. Many are expecting Republicans to dominate the elections, but many are now starting to think that Democrats will stand a chance.

Both parties are already putting efforts out to secure voters. Biden's extra spending to support the Ukrainians is likely fueled by an attempt to secure the support of conservatives. He has also denounced the contents of the recent Roe v. Wade leaks, attempting to get the support of progressives, moderates, and libertarians alike. We've seen recent moves by the Republicans, as well. Recently, Pennsylvania Republicans have paid for advertisements to smear Mehmet Oz as a R.I.N.O. Many right-wing political commentators and journalists have also continued to do everything possible to sour the public opinion of the Democratic party.

We're going to step aside from all the fighting for today, though, and talk about the different candidates up for election. Even if you can't vote, it's still helpful to learn who's up for the office and who you support.

Senators

Each state has two senators to represent them. The state will be seeking to replace Pat Toomey,

nitely appeal to classical liberals, some even some monarchists.

Mehmet Oz: Mehmet Oz is a Turkish-American, most widely known for his show, The Dr. Oz Show. Oz considers himself a moderate conservative. He takes a pro-life stance on abortion, and takes a pro-gun stance as well, although he seems to support common-sense gun reform. He is unbothered by climate change, and is supportive of the LGBTQ+ community. Oz will likely be selected by moderate conservatives and national populists alike. I assume national populists will like Oz because of his changes in ideology over the last few years, which may be in favor of these far-right

groups.

Carla Sands: Sands is the current CEO and chairwoman of the Vintage Capital Group. In 2016, she donated around \$250,000 to the Trump campaign. She had also stated that her vote had not been counted in 2020's election. We know little about her political views, but we do know she was U.S. Ambassador to Denmark and also one of Trump's economic advisors. I have no predictions on who will vote for her.



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PRIMARY ELECTION RACE

a senator that will be retiring from his duties. There are six candidates from the establishment parties, which will be shown to you below.

REPUBLICANS SENATORS

David McCormick: McCormick was the former Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs. McCormick opposed Trump after Jan 6th attacks, and promoted pro-LGBTQ legislation in 2013, and hopes for peaceful relations and free trade with other countries. McCormick would defi-

DEMOCRATS SENATORS

John Fetterman: Fetterman is our current Lieutenant Governor, and is widely considered to be progressive-- both economically and socially. One of Fetterman's biggest issues is his desire for prison reform, specifically for rehabilitation schemes in prisons. He wishes to legalize marijuana and enact single-payer healthcare systems around the country. Fetterman shows interest in a wealth tax, and is in favor of placing the minimum wage at \$15. Fetterman is staunchly anti-Trump. Fetterman will likely appeal to moderates and progressives in this election.

Malcolm Kenyatta: Kenyatta is the first openly-LGBTQ man of color that has been elected to the PA House of Representatives. Kenyatta wants to reintroduce mail-in ballots, alongside increasing the availability of ballots across the country. He is a staunch supporter of reproductive rights, rights for LGBTQ+ citizens, and prison reform. Kenyatta is heavily in favor of raising the minimum wage and creating large unions built for all citizens in the working class. Kenyatta's social democratic behavior will appeal to many progressives and democratic socialists in the state.

Conor Lamb: Conor Lamb was a federal prosecutor and ma-

rine, making the rank of Major while in service. Like Kenyatta, Conor wants to see a drastic change in the minimum wage, an increase in Social Security and Medicare/Medicaid spending, and the empowerment of labor unions across the country. Lamb, although in favor of reform on background checks, is heavily in favor of loose gun laws. He is pro-LGBTQ, and pro-choice. One of his largest issues is with the fili-

buster. The filibuster allows senate and house members to veto laws from the opposition parties, which according to Lamb, punishes the victors of the elections, and makes it impossible to pass legislation. Lamb wants to reform or remove this system entirely. Lamb will definitely strike common ground with centrists, moderates, and progressives alike.

The nominations are now in, and we have the winners for both parties.

Democratic Nominee:

John Fetterman

Republican Nominee:

Mehmet Oz

Next up we have the head of the state-- our governor. The governor heads the state executive and judicial branches. We elect one every four years. Since the Republicans have more candidates for the position than Democrats, we'll list them first.



REPUBLICANS GOVERNORS

Doug Mastriano: Doug Mastriano is the PA senator for the 33rd District. While he is not entirely explicit about his policy, we have gotten some hints of what he plans to do. He is very Islamophobic, as proven by his Facebook controversy in 2019. He had posted multiple comments about Islam wanting to "kill gay rights, Judaism, Christianity, and pacifism." Ironically, he also

seems very homophobic, stating "marriage is between a man and woman – and that no amount of disinformation or political correctness will change these facts." He has also brought up completely removing mail-in ballots and punishing criminals more severely. Mastriano seems very intolerant of minorities and would be accurately described as a Christian reactionary. He holds a vast array of traditionalist ideals, and will definitely appeal to right-wing populists and traditionalists in the state.

Lou Barletta: Lou Barletta was a member of the U.S. House and Mayor of Hazleton. He is considered a moderate by many, although still holding many conservative beliefs. Barletta supported Micah's law, which would prevent abortion after the 20th week of pregnancy. He wants to balance the budget and pushed for tax reform to lower taxes on all income brackets. Barletta voted to repeal the ACA and wants to limit immigration, especially from the middle east. Barletta will likely be one of the most popular candidates amongst centrists, moderate conservatives, and traditionalists.

William McSwain: William McSwain, otherwise known as Bill McSwain, is a conservative attorney and former US Marine. He is very tough on crime, assisting in putting child predators, illegal immigrants, alleged ISIS members, and rioters in prison. He has also suggested pro-business and pro-family legislation, although these cues are very implicit. McSwain will definitely strike some common ground with moderate conservatives, traditionalists and national populists.

Charlie Berow: Berow is the founder of Quantum Communications, a Harrisburg public affairs firm. As he is new to politics, he hasn't been very active yet in his positions. However, we do know a few things. For one, he has stated he is pro-life. Two, he's said he's for school choice, meaning people should have authority over where their children can go to school. Third, he's heavily in favor of gun rights, has stated he was "a lifetime member of the NRA," one of the nation's most profound gun rights organizations. He is a profound supporter of deregulation and free-market economics and wants to deregulate the state's economy to the fullest extent possible. Expect some classical liberals and moderate conservatives to support this guy.

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR

Josh Shapiro: Josh Shapiro is an attorney general for the state, having served since 2017. Shapiro wants to support workers, voting, and LGBTQ+ rights, alongside guaranteeing access to abortion in the state. He also plans to assist small businesses in the area to help them thrive, and drastically cut taxes for luxuries like gas and cell phones. Because of all of this, he will likely appeal to everyone in the party, but especially the populists in the country. He is the only hope for some level of Democratic control over the state, as he is the single candidate for the gubernatorial elections.

The nominations are now in, and we have the winners for both parties.

Democratic Nominee: Josh Shapiro

Republican Nominee: Doug Mastriano

MY COMMENTARY

Since the representative elections take place in individual districts, this is where we'll end. As I said previously, this election will be extremely tied up. It's anyone's game. The stakes are high-- only one moderate has really succeeded in their campaign. For example, John Fetterman is a progressive democrat that wants to drastically reform the prison system and legalize cannabis, among other issues. Shapiro is similar, but also wants to put more emphasis on small businesses and workers. Doug Mastriano, on the other hand, is a borderline reactionary. He is definitely on the far-right side of the spectrum and likely wants to put religious law into our state. The Republican senator, Mehmet Oz, is one of the only compromising moderates that has been elected. Both parties have some of their extreme factions up to bat-- progressives vs national populists. The question is, which one will win?

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Why You Should Consider **KARATE**

By **Lacey Groover**
Team 8 Barker

I have been going to Emerald Dragon Karate in Slatington for 10 years, as of this July. The day I joined was the day after I turned four, July, 31st, 2012. This place has been a second home to me, and I continue to make new memories every single time I go there. In this writing, I will tell you my story and how it has affected me for the better and how you can have the same experiences as me if you join as well.

You start off on your first day, and after you complete your first class you get your white belt. Every belt has a test to continue with the next belt. During the test, you demonstrate your self-defenses, one-steps, and katas. Your self-defenses are ways to defend yourself and are focused on different attacks other than punches. Your one-steps focus on perfecting moves in defending yourself. A kata is a series of moves you learn at each belt that focus on what the belt focuses on. Usually about 20-30 people test at a time, but your black belt test is different and it's just you.

I don't remember much the early-early days, but I have vague memories of the black belts helping me out and my trials and errors. My first solid memory is my purple belt test, and I remember yelling as loud as I can as I did my kata in front of everyone. I went through this phase where I

disliked karate, though My parents made me keep going and I am so grateful they did. As you go through the ranks at karate, there are ups and downs, quick progression and fast progression.

My journey as a black belt has been amazing. It was hard for a while because I tested for my black belt before all of my friends there, but once

with my teaching as an instructor today. Right off of the bat, I'm going to have to mention my sister, Sabum (Saboom: meaning black belt/ instructor) Lily. She is pretty much why I joined karate in the first place because she was there first, but I'd be lying if I told you I wanted to be just like her. I look up to her teaching, yes, but I want to be able to craft my own story on my own, and I'm happy because I'm in her shadow which can make it hard to do that, and I love challenges like that. Another one is Sabum Miranda Socca. Her peppy-ness and just bright personality that she gives off when she teaches just make me look up to her so much. Unfortunately, she's no longer there, but she still has an impact on me. Sabum Brandon, Sabum Kaitlin, and Sabum Joe Wolf are my current main-instructors and have helped me so much on my journey to and through black belt. Sabum Brandon has this sarcastic and

funny nature to his teaching that puts a smile on my face whenever I'm learning. Sabum Kaitlin really helped me review everything I needed to know for my black belt test and I can't thank her enough for being so accommodating. Sabum Joe Wolf is probably the most down-to-earth and practical person I have ever met. He teaches the basic things that make you better at the more advanced ones which really REALLY helps me.

they hit black belt too they were higher than me because they were jr. black belts and I was a child black belt. It was a humbling experience and now I'm a Junior Black Belt and higher than them which boosts my self-esteem. I'm currently focused on the growth of others and on my rank as an instructor. I help out in 3 classes and I'm working on going to help in 4. I love to help the kids in classes and enjoy seeing them grow.

Some of the black belts that have taught me then and I look up to



National Junior Honor Society

Induction Overview and Speeches

By Savannah Hall;
Speeches by Patrick Conway and Samantha Mack

Team 8 Barkers

On May 31st, 2022 during the Middle School Awards Night, the National Junior Honor Society held its induction ceremony.

The following were this year's inductees to NJHS:

Samantha Mack
Patrick Conway
Rachel Bauer
Adriana Danyluk
Taylor Everk
Lacey Groover
Ethan Grozier
Savannah Hall
Bella Haydt
Emma Heil
Isaac Jackovitz
Melody Lindenmoyer
Emily Mack
Joy McCammon
Natalie Moffitt
Ethan Moore
Grady Newhard
Landon Rosado
Olivia Schaeffer
Kylee Snyder
Ella Tosh
Ronald Verba
Aubrey Reinhard
Nathaniel Kuhns

To be inducted into National Junior Honor Society is a great honor. National Junior Honor

Society activity is a co-curricular activity that seeks Northern Lehigh Middle School's top students based on academic achievement, service, leadership, citizenship, and character. Students who are selected for membership within NJHS participate in various group and individual service projects which benefit people locally, nationally, and internationally. Here is a list of some activities we did this year with this organization.

We baked and sold pumpkin rolls as a fundraiser. We made over 350 pumpkin rolls, which made us raise more than \$2000. We got to give it to any three charities we felt we wanted to support.

We did a Lehigh County Humane Society fundraiser to raise supplies for the shelter.

We also all individually completed 5 hours of community service.

We made picture frames for the dance and took pictures at the Night At The Red Carpet Dance.

Here are the speeches we heard that night to talk about all that we did. Congratulations to all inductees!

Samantha Mack:

Hello! My name is Samantha Mack. I am part of Northern Lehigh Middle School's National Junior Honors Society. NJHS has baked 350 pumpkin rolls this past fall and sold every one. Each Honor Society candidate was required to bake pumpkin rolls for at least 2 hours if they brought a parent/guardian or family member along. However, if you came alone, you were required to make pumpkin rolls for 4 hours. My fellow Honors Society candidates have worked very hard to bake and sell these delicious pumpkin rolls. After our pumpkin roll baking, we had multiple meetings to decide which organization would get a \$700 donation from the money we raised. It was a hard decision because there are so many worthwhile causes that we could donate to, but the American Cancer Society was a huge standout. Some of my fellow candidates' family members had cancer, and they know the effects of this horrible disease. We not only wanted to support everyone with cancer, but we also wanted to support our fellow candidates. This is why we picked the American Cancer Society to



donate to.

On a personal note, my family has been struck with cancer many times. This was a difficult experience for my whole family on both sides. My grandfather on my father's side had cancer when he was in his 60s. He was diagnosed with colon and liver cancer, and unfortunately, he died of cancer at the age of sixty-two. This was hard for the whole family. My father was in his early twenties when his father passed. I have never met my grandfather, but my father always tells me that he would love both my sister and me.

On the other hand, my grandfather on my mother's side has had skin cancer multiple times as well as kidney cancer. After everything he has been through, he is still thriving. I, as well as my entire family, am thankful for that. I remember the struggles of my family members being in and out of the hospital constantly. It took a toll on the entire family, but we remained positive every time something bad happened.

Some may say positivity is the goal to success. In this case, I believe positivity played a big role in my grandfather's successful recovery. I also advise anyone who has had cancer or knows someone with cancer, to stay positive. Positivity helped us bake and sell our tasty pumpkin rolls. We remained with the thought in our heads that we would sell every pumpkin roll and we did. I congratulate my fellow candidates for what they did and for the organization they picked. Not only am I glad we donated to The American Cancer Society, but I am sure others know the hardships of the disease and are so glad young adults are thinking of others with this condition. I believe this money can help find a cure for every cancer patient. I dedicate this speech to any cancer patient, and to

my fellow NJHS candidates.

Patrick Conway:

Now, before I say anything else, let's first go over what we've done for the community this year. One of the most prominent things we've done is make and sell pumpkin rolls, way back in November. We ended up selling over two thousands dollars worth of pumpkin rolls-- a huge accomplishment indeed. We ended up donating all of the money to nonprofit organizations across the country-- both on the local and national level-- including the American Cancer Society, Forgotten Felines & Fidos, and the American Red Cross. We backed that up by donating tons of goods to the Lehigh County Humane Society-- one of the Valley's most prominent animal welfare organizations. What's amazing to me is that there are over a million people in this organization across the globe. We're a group of twenty four, who ended up generating thousands worth of revenue for charity. It varies from group to group, of course, but imagine the sheer volume that these programs have generated. That would be millions of dollars.

It hits home, too, right here in the middle of Slatington, PA. The organization isn't just a "be entirely selfless to serve the community" sort of thing. Mr. Graver and Mrs. Dunham have made the program very customizable for the individual. We've spent multiple meetings debating on groups we should donate to, all thanks to them. Debate in a calm, collected environment is very rare nowadays, so I give Mr. Graver and Mrs. Dunham tons of credit for making it happen.

They picked a great bunch for the job, too. They not only make projects much

easier, but they help to make them fun, too. I have a surfeit of memories, particularly ones while we baked pumpkin rolls. Embarrassing myself trying to frost rolls and Rosado and I singing Christmas carols in the middle of November are some of the first that come to mind. I'm sure I'm not the only one with fond memories like this.

I think that's the most important part of Honor Society-- memories. Of course, we go out and help the community on a regular basis. Of course, we get to choose our objectives and turn ourselves into individualistic achievers rather than a hivemind of workers. However, I think a lot of organizations forget something. This is one of the biggest transitions most will see in their lives-- going from a child to an adult. Most people find this part of life very difficult, and end up focusing on some of the bad parts in life. Honor Society prides itself on charity work, but also-- at least I think-- tries to give us some good memories to look back and see how good most of us have it. While it isn't always sunshine and rainbows, Honor Society tries to remind us that there are people that have it much worse. That's the beauty of it all-- Honor Society moves us away from being completely self-centered, and advances us to a way of living more considerate of others. I would say, in that way, all of us in the program have developed, not only socially, but mentally. In the words of Landon Rosado, this year's Honor Society made me feel like I won the NBA finals.



Night At The Red Carpet Dance

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On Friday, May 20th, 2022, the Middle School hosted a dance for 7th and 8th graders to attend. The theme for the dance was "A Night on the Red Carpet". There were activities, music, dancing, and even food! There were so many people that came! They had so many fun songs to dance to! It was a little wet outside coming to the beginning of the dance, but luckily it stopped. There was picture taking, pizza, and more! So many people came with friends and had a blast! This was the last dance for the 2021-2022 school year and the last middle school dance for the 8th graders! Students were nominated and voted for by the student body for "Hollywood Movie Stars"; Grady Newhard and Kylee Snyder for 8th grade, and for 7th grade, Ryan Zambo and Alexa O'Connell were selected.



Endangered Zoos News by Continent

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Asia: The wildlife center has been keeping track and have found 485 animals in the Asian continent. The endangered list for animals in Asia is long it starts with Sumatran Orangutans, South China Tigers, Sunda Pangolins, Javan Rhinoceros, Sumatran Tigers, Wild Bactrian Camels, Saigas, White-bellied Herons, Russian Sturgeons, and ends with Eastern Black-Crested Gibbons. The Asian black bear has been listed as vulnerable. The giant panda of China has been brought back from being endangered after being endangered since 1990. The Asian Elephant is the biggest animal on the Asian continent.

Africa: The wildlife center has found over 1,100 mammal species, 60 carnivore species, 100,000 insect species, 3,000 freshwater fish species, and over 2,600 bird species. The endangered list includes Black Rhino, White Rhino, Rothschild's Giraffe, Grévy's Zebra, (African) Wild Dog, Grey

Crowned Crane and Okapi. The vulnerable list includes, the Lion, Leopard, Cheetah and African Forest Elephant. Europe: The wildlife center tracked 475 animal species. Animals are becoming extinct because of over-

2000 species of native birds in North America.

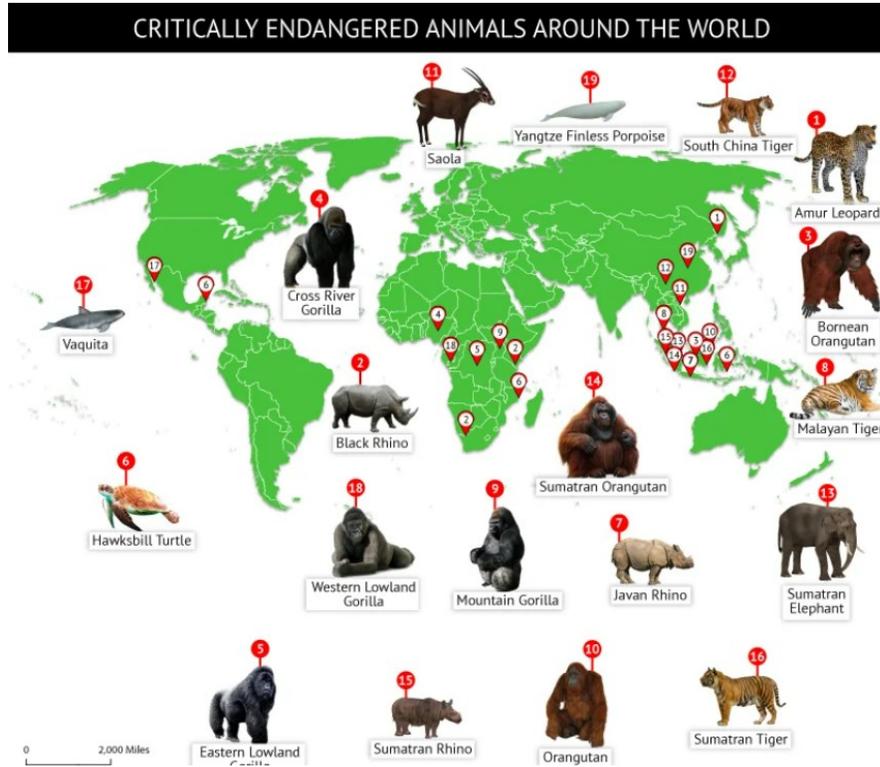
South America: The wildlife center tracks 321 animal species. South America is home to some of the most unique, and exotic animals in the

world. More than 30% of the continent's animals are endangered. The endangered list includes Orinoco Crocodile, Lemur Leaf Frog, Giant Otter, Black Squirrel Monkey, Pink Amazon Dolphin, and Jaguars.

Antarctica: The wildlife center is currently tracking

24 animal species. Half of the worlds penguins are becoming extinct also including albatross species, Amsterdam Albatross, Tristan Albatross, the Sei Whale, Blue Whale, and Fin Whale.

Australia: The wildlife center tracks over 500 animal species. More than 80% of animals are endangered or near endangered. Visit this website for more about [Australia](#).



hunting. The endangered list includes bears, wolves, Saiga, European Lynx, and the Wolverine. The woolly mammoth, dwarf hippo, and dwarf elephant are extinct now due to prehistoric hunting.

North America: The wildlife center is currently tracking 690 animal species. The endangered list is over 13,000 here are the most notable: the red fox, Pygmy raccoon, California condor. There are over

What is Memorial Day?

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Memorial Day is celebrated on the last Monday of May, which this year is May 30th. Memorial Day is an American holiday, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. On May 30th, 1868, it was originally known as Decoration Day and it originated in the years following the Civil War it then became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans celebrate memorial day by visiting cemeteries or memorials to pay their respects to the veterans that died to give us our freedom and independence. They also hold parades during the day, afternoon, and evening, and sometimes they go into the night. It unofficially marks the beginning of the summer



season. Memorial Day originally only honored the veterans who died in the Civil War, but since World War 1 occurred, the United States found itself in another major conflict, and the holiday then evolved to commemorate American military personnel who died in all wars, including World War 2, The Vietnam War, The Korean War, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. For decades, Memorial Day was always celebrated on May 30th, which

was the date that General Logan had selected for the first Decoration Day. But in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which would then establish Memorial Day to be celebrated on the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change then went to effect in 1971. It was that same law that declared Memorial Day as a federal holiday.

DIY CINNAMON PUMPKIN SPICE CANDLE

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Materials:

- A small container (Some household containers you can use include miniature mason jars, jelly jars, pet or baby food cans, tealight candle holders, or any other relatively small type of jar)
- A piece of string (It does not have to be very long. You will measure it later during the candle-making process)
- 20-30 crayons (Crayola brand works best, but you can use any)
- Cinnamon (You will need a lot of this to scent your candle)
- Pumpkin pie spice (You will also need quite a bit of this to scent your candle)
- A pencil (Any long kind of pencil will work fine)
- Tape (You will measure this later in the candle-making process)
- Scissors (Any kind of functional scissors will work)
- Exacto knife (Any similar type of knife will work. If needed, have your parent(s)/guardian(s) handle this)



- Microwave (If you do not have access to a microwave, a blow dryer will work just the same)
- Popsicle stick or plastic utensil (You will need this to stir your candles, so make sure you use something disposable)

Instructions

1. If it has one, take the lid off of your small container. Then, gather your crayons and use the Exacto knife to slit their wrappings open. If you want, you can also peel these off with your hands, but it may take longer and be slightly more difficult.
2. Once you have your 20-30 wrapping-less crayons, break them into smaller pieces. I would recommend breaking them at least into thirds. This will help them melt faster in the microwave or under the blow dryer.
3. Now you can put your broken up crayons into the container, surrounding the piece of string.
4. Grab your cinnamon and pumpkin pie spice. Add them each into your candle by the tablespoon until the nice scent overpowers the crayon one. Stir the cinnamon and pumpkin pie spice until they are evenly distributed in the wax.
5. Before the candle dries, take your piece of string and hold it vertically next to your candle container. Measure it so that it fits appropriately, then cut it where you want. Lay a pencil horizontally over the rim of your candle container and tape your string to it so that the string is standing up in the melted wax. Then, put your candle in the fridge either for a couple of hours or overnight.
6. Then you have a lovely DIY candle! Happy crafting!

Place your container in the microwave for 2 minutes on high (power 100). If your candle still is not melted, keep putting it in for an additional 1 minute on high until the crayons are fully melted. If the candle looks melted, take it out of the microwave and stir it with a popsicle stick or plastic utensil. If you still feel hard chunks of wax, keep putting it in the microwave for 1 minute intervals. If you do not have access to a microwave or your candle container is not microwave safe, you can use a blow dryer instead. Turn the blow dryer on and hold it over the wax until it is fully melted.

Tired of Waiting for Each Day's Wordle?

These *New York Times* Games Might Help Ease Your Boredom

By Andi Szwast

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As of 2022, most people are familiar with the free online game Wordle. While Wordle started out as its own independent game, it was later purchased by the New York Times newspaper. A hit from the beginning, Wordle has continued to perform extremely well in the universe of digital entertainment, going so far as to gain an audience of millions, as well as inspire the creation of many spinoff games, which were discussed in the Spring 2022 edition of the Bulldog Bark. Speaking of spinoffs, one of the main concepts in these heavily-Wordle-inspired games is unlimited plays. Wordle only offers one play per day, which has caused other companies to seize this problem and turn it into an opportunity for themselves to gain revenue. However, another way to have a fun and challenging experience similar to that of playing Wordle is to check out the 7 other digital games the *New York Times* webpage has to offer.

The Crossword

The first of New York Times's 7 other games is the Crossword, which unfortunately requires a subscription in order to play. However, if the Crossword interests you, you may want to check out the Mini Crossword, a free version of its main game that, as its name suggests, is only slightly smaller.

The Mini Crossword

The Mini Crossword can range in the area, but it takes up a 25-square frame that will occasionally contain blocked-off squares, usually in the corners. In order to solve the puzzle, you need to use the clues located on the left-hand side of the screen. These clues will first name the portion of the puzzle

they coordinate with, followed by the clue that is intended to help you solve that piece of the crossword. Ultimately, the Mini Crossword offers an interesting combination of deep thought and pop culture knowledge, and is completely free to play.

Spelling Bee

Spelling Bee is a great option for those who enjoy a good challenge, have a substantial spelling ability, and have a wide range of vocabulary. The objective of the game is simple: make as many words as you can with seven letters. However, the yellow center letter must be included at least once in every word you come up with. The six grey surrounding letters can be repeated, left out of, or included in words. Overall, Spelling Bee is a wonderfully challenging puzzle that is very fun to play.

Sudoku

Many of you might already be familiar with Sudoku, the surprisingly math-free numbers game, but, if you don't know what it is, I am here to explain just that. In Sudoku, you are given nine squares each made up of nine smaller squares. Every large square must contain the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, spread across its own individual smaller squares. However, numbers cannot be repeated. You can also solve the game in rows, but each row must contain only 1 of each eligible number, regardless of whether it is vertical or horizontal. In general, Sudoku is a widespread thinking game that is a great option for people willing to take on a challenge.

Vertex

Vertex is a complicated art-based game in which you need to connect dots in order to form a coherent picture. Sometimes, lines that are supposed to be connected are not obvious, and other times, lines



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that are not supposed to be connected appear quite prominent, making the game a more challenging version of connect the dots. Each line segment will tell you how many times it can be con-



nected to another line segment, and the goal of the game is to connect all of the line segments, therefore forming the intended illustration. To conclude, Vertex is a great challenging game that is perfect for more artsy types of people.

Letter Boxed

Letter Boxed is one of the more challenging New York Times games. It is made up of a box surrounded by 12 letters, 3 on each side. In order to fully complete

the game, you must use all of the letters surrounding the box. You use the letters by combining them to form words. However, letters on the same side of the box cannot be used after one another. The same letter also cannot be used right after itself, limiting your

word choices. To make things even more difficult, you are given a set number of words to solve the puzzle. This number can be any number, but it usually tends to be between 4 and 6. In conclusion, Letter Boxed is a difficult but wildly entertaining game to play on your own, with friends, with family, or even with total strangers.

Tiles

The final New York Times game, Tiles is a many-layered matching game. To start, you select a

square, or tile, and then select another one that matches it. The matches do not have to be perfect; for example, a tile with a pink background, purple stripes, and a star would match with a tile that has a blue background, purple stripes,



and a circle. As long as one element of each tile is matching, they will match. Then, you will need to find a match for the tile you have just matched. Overall, I think Tiles is a mostly relaxing game that tests your vision, critical thinking, and color-registering abilities.

If you've enjoyed playing Wordle, I guarantee you will enjoy playing at least one of these other awesome *New York Times* games. I hope this article helped you cure your boredom, and that you'll have a happy, brain-exercising-

Fact or Fiction: Summer Edition

By Emily Mack

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1. Bees communicate through dance.
2. The summer months are June, July, August, and September.
3. The longest day in the year is the summer solstice.
4. The first national spelling bee was on July 17th, 1825.
5. Ice pops were invented by an 11-year-old girl.
6. Watermelon is a part of the berry family.
7. There are 300 different types of watermelon.
8. Sunshine improves your heart function.
9. Humans are proven to be happier in summer.
10. The longest BBQ lasted 70 hours.
11. The Eiffel tower grows 7 inches every summer.
12. The world's largest lazy river is nearly two miles long.
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14. The summer solstice usually occurs on June 20, 21, or 22.
15. America's highest temperature recorded was 131 degrees Fahrenheit.

Answers!

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Emo Vs. Goth Vs. Punk

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Everyone has seen an emo, punk, or goth. You may even think these terms are synonyms, but they aren't. These styles of clothing are actually very different depending on their interests or their personal opinion. I know these aren't always clothing styles, but attitudes or behaviors. They are really fascinating and can be a really fun topic.

There are quite a few reasons these groups are different, but here are the main ones: music taste, clothes, and main interests. There are some photos and basic definitions for you, my dear reader. I have found out that their ideals are similar in some ways, but vastly different in others. There are many sub-cultures of gothic fashion, but I will mostly be focusing on romantic goths, vampire goths, and fairy goths. If you would like more information on gothic fashion, look it up. It can be really fascinating!

So, let's start with the differences between goths and emos. Beware, some of these definitions may come from stereotypes. There are two separate genres of music for the two groups, being a

gothic rock and hardcore punk for the emos.

Yes, I know it's ironic that I would mention a

type of music called punk, but stating that it's an emo favorite. There are also people who just love the style, and decide to wear it. The same logic may apply to the music or attitudes.

The most common emo bands are My Chemical Romance, Panic! At the Disco, and Fall Out Boy, but there are always more. The most common gothic bands include Bauhaus, The Sisters of Mercy, and Siouxsie and the Banshees. The more

common punk bands can be

Green Day, Ramones, and Black Flag. If you listen to emo, gothic, or punk bands, this doesn't automatically make you a part of the group. The same goes for the clothing styles.

So, punks don't have a specific clothing style, they just prefer rebellion. There are many sub-cultures of punk, so you should look into them. My personal favorite is steampunk.

Even though these three cultures may look similar from the outsides, there are a ton of differences if you look closely. These topics are really interesting, and it was really fun to look into.

You should check them out!



Left: Emo, Top: Goth, Right: Punk

The REAL Reason “The Owl House” Was Canceled Early

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“The Owl House” is a fantasy cartoon made by Disney, and it is featured on the Disney Channel. It is similar to “Gravity Falls,” but Dana Terrace, the creator, took the darkness to the next level. If you didn’t know already, Dana Terrace took another

huge step for Disney. In the show, the main character is bisexual, there’s an openly non-binary character, and a ton of inclusion. The main character,

Luz, even has a girlfriend later in the series.

As you can probably tell, Disney was never a company to mention LGBTQ2+ people, or to even value equality. This was a big step for them. Considering it’s an animated

series, Disney had high expectations for it. Like most big-shot companies, they believe all animated shows must do just as well as Spongebob, which has over 50 million viewers per month. If they don’t, big companies will take them out, even if they have a growing fan base.

This is what may be happening to “The Owl House.” Even though it is a growing fandom with

some amazing people in it, Disney took the third season, originally planned for ~20 episodes, and cut it down to three “special episodes.” I’m not sure if that’s due to the LGBTQ2+ content or Disney’s neglect of beautiful animations. I’m furious.



When I started watching “The Owl House,” it had only the first season. I was so excited for more, and I still am today. I wish things could be different, but that is all the news I have gotten so far. I found this out from an article in “The Slate” by Owen Levan-Uhler. If you want to check out the original article, ask Mr. Barnes at the high school.

‘Did you know? The Owl House’ is Disney’s first show with a bisexual lead character.

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“THE SUNFLOWER MAZE” (CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE)

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Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Lilly. She was walking around her neighborhood saying hi to everyone and being polite as she is normally. She walked passed one house with a sign that said

“Sunflower Maze in the backyard. \$3 per person.” Lilly knocked on the door of the house to figure out what was going on. A kind, old man answered the door. Lilly asked him what the maze was for. He said in a stuttering voice, “I’m making donations to the children’s hospital, so I set up a maze so that I can make money to donate!”

Lilly loved his idea, so she gives the kind man \$3 and enters the maze. She smelled some really weird things like something died in there. She didn’t take any mind to it, so she continued through the maze. She looks around the maze to pick which way to go. She knows that there is some sort of pattern. She tries to jump to see above the maze, but the sunflowers were too big and too tall for her to jump over. She has to make a decision. She either has to go left and right, or right and left. To choose left and right, go to paragraph 2. To choose right and left, go to paragraph 3.

You chose for Lilly to go left and right. She goes through the left and then right path. You start walking through all of the paths in left



and right order. You see that you come to a dead-end and are confused about how you got there. You look back and miraculously, it is closed all around you. You hear a very creepy noise. You try to jump to see what it is, but you still can’t see anything. You look behind you are hear something breathing on your neck. You look back, but before you can

turn around all the way, you are punched in the head. You have died. Go back to Paragraph 1 to pick another option.

You chose for Lilly to go right and left. She goes through the right path and then the left path in that

consecutive order of direction. While you walk through the maze, you pick some of the smaller sunflowers and decide to donate them to the kids as well. You look around and you think you see the end of the maze. You keep going and you see the end. You run as fast as you can to get out. You realized that nobody else that paid when you did never came out. You successfully made it through the maze. Go back and choose the other option to find out the mystery behind nobody else coming out.



Letter from the Advisor

The final week of school is here! It's amazing how quickly this school year has gone by. For those of us leaving our great middle school, our graduating eighth graders and staff members: Thank you for making our building the incredible place it truly is. I wish you well in your future endeavors. Don't forget to visit!

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 in the TIS office across from the library or send me an e-mail: bdunham@nlsd.org. Also, if you are a talented artist/photographer, I would love for you to feature your artwork/photography! We have plenty of room to show off your skills.

Have a great summer, or in yearbook land, H.A.G.S! :)

-Mrs. Dunham

