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With NY Teams in the Mix, Some Stanley Cup Background!



By Noah Samuel
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The Stanley Cup Playoffs begin on April 20, 2024. But if you have no idea what that means, well, you are going to learn all about it.

History

The Stanley Cup is the award given to the NHL team that wins the championship title in the postseason playoffs. The Cup was first an award to the best team in Canada, and any league winner could challenge another team to the title. It was a gift from Lord Stanley of Preston, the Governor General of Canada, as when he moved to Canada his whole family took an interest in ice hockey. Then, the trustees of the Cup handed the trophy over to the NHL and gave them full authority over it.

Since 1926, no team outside of the NHL has competed for the cup. The cup itself has also been modified throughout the ages. It started out as a bowl in which the winning team would drink champagne out of, but it was then changed to include rings on which winning teams would be engraved, as well as players and staff. The cup became too big however, and it currently has five rings. When they all get full, the oldest ring is retired; a new one is added.

Format

The current format of the Stanley Cup Playoffs starts with the top three teams in each of the four NHL divisions, (Metropolitan, Atlantic, Central, Pacific), automatically qualifying for the playoffs. The last four spots of the 16 are decided

by a Wild Card. The next two top teams in each Conference, (Eastern and Western), are then entered to the playoffs.

In the playoffs, the second wild card spot plays the division/conference winner, while the first wild card plays the other division winner. The second and third-place finishers play each other in their respective side of the bracket. The first-round winners play each other within the bracket, and the winners of that [second] round are the four in the conference final. The conference winners compete in the Stanley Cup Final.

Teams compete to win four games each round, with the max games at 7.

Teams

The team that won the most Stanley Cup titles are the Montreal Canadiens, with 24 wins. The most recent winners of the Cup were the Vegas Golden Knights.

This year, the teams in the playoffs are the *NY Rangers* playing the *Washington Capitals*, the *Florida Panthers* against the *Tampa Bay Lightning*, the *Boston Bruins* against the *Toronto Maple Leafs*, the *Carolina Hurricanes* playing the *NY Islanders*, the *Dallas Stars* against the *LA Kings*, the *Vancouver Canucks* playing the *Nashville Predators*, the *Edmonton Oilers* against the *Vegas Golden Knights*, and the *Winnipeg Jets* playing the *Colorado Avalanche*.

So now you know all about the Stanley Cup Playoffs, and about the trophy itself. I want the NY Rangers to win the Cup. Which team do you want to win?



'Language of the Week' Kicks off in The Tusker Tribune!



By Kari Kellock
and Mackenzie Picco
Tusker Tribune Staff

This is the first week of our new series "Language of the Week!" In this series, we will talk about different languages around the world to learn about new cultures and teach about different perspectives.

There are well over 3,000 different languages in the world, and each is unique and beautiful in their own way.

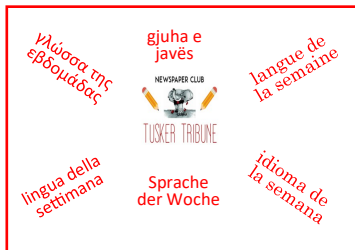
We will start with **Spanish**. Did you know besides English, Spanish is the second most spoken

language in the world. Did you know that "Mé Gusta cantar" is to say, "I like to sing?" Well now you do!

Spanish represents 7.5% of the world's languages. Spain has beautiful sites and places to visit. They have 17th century cathedrals, castles, and a lot more to see!

Spanish is like English but also quite different. Some words sound the same and are the same but others not so much. For example, what do you think "carpeta" means? Probably "carpet"

right? But no, it means . . . "folder"! However, "papel" means "paper". Some words are so different, but others are so similar.



SMS DI's 'Roomba Republic' Takes Off!



By Laurel Knapp
Tusker Tribune Staff

DI Tournament Standards:

The regional and state tournaments only go on for one day, with the first performances starting at about 9:00 AM and the closing ceremony ending at about 5:30 PM. Each team gets a performance time, a check-in time, and an instant challenge time inside the tournament. So, even if the tournament starts at 9:00 AM, your team might not have to be there until later. Also, you do not have to stick around the tournament for the closing ceremony, you can leave before and have your pins or medals sent to you.

At the tournaments, you only must be there for a small fraction of the whole tournament, so you have a lot of free time the rest of the day if you decide to stick around. There are a lot of things to do though. You could purchase DI pins and other merchandise, hang out or play games, or watch other teams perform!

At every DI tournament, there is a closing ceremony. The closing ceremonies are always a lot of fun, because there are pin raffles, different auctions, and most importantly: they announce the winners. It is always more fun to be there to collect your medal – if you earned one – in person than to have the medals sent to you at your house. You also get to know immediately what place you got, so you do not have to wait extra-long to get your result.

DI vs. Odyssey of The Mind:

There is also another organization like DI called Odyssey of The Mind. These programs are both extremely similar. They are both problem-solving programs for kids. A group of individuals disagreed about how Odyssey of The Mind was being run, so they formed DI. Also, Odyssey of The Mind's challenges are about 6 pages long while DI's challenges are about 20 pages long.

Roomba Republic: How Did We Place at the Regional and State Tournaments:

At the regional tournament, the Roomba Republic received a first-place medal, and an additional award. The additional award we received was a DaVinci Award. According to nydi.org, the DaVinci is awarded to creative thinkers, and risk-takers.

Nydi.org states, "We honor those individuals and teams who most clearly demonstrate that spirit of adventurous risk in their solutions – those who most creatively traveled to reach truly new and unique destinations."

There are also two other additional awards DI teams can earn: the Renaissance Award for obvious effort and preparation for their performance, and the Spirit of DI Award for, "Outstanding Spirit, Teamwork, Volunteerism, [and] Sportsmanship." (nydi.org/special-awards)

During the state tournament, the Roomba Republic earned first place as well! The stakes were high at the tournament. If we did not get first or second, our season would be over, and we would not qualify for

the global tournament. Even though the pressure was high, the Roomba Republic still had a lot of fun.

Preparing for Globals:

Globals is the biggest stage for DI teams like the Roomba Republic. There are teams across the globe all competing for the same title: World Champion. So, DI teams work hard to perfect their skit, props, and instant challenge skills before heading off to Kansas City, Missouri for the final tournament.

Now you may be wondering, how are they going to get props all the way to Kansas City? Well, the state of New York books a moving van for all the qualifying New York Teams. Each team is given a space in the moving van to put their props in to send them to Kansas City. The moving van does not return the props to New York though. Unless you find a way to bring your props home, then you will – most likely – dispose of them after the tournament.



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George III A Key Part of 'Hamilton'



**By Michaela Gallo
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Going to see Hamilton the Musical this week was a wonderful experience. Everyone loves the main character, Alexander Hamilton, the Founding Fathers, and the Schuyler sisters. They're such an important part of American history and the story in this musical.

One of my favorite characters is King George III. He may have a small role in the musical, but it is a very memorable one. He is the best character because he is hysterical and sarcastic. His songs, *You'll Be Back* and *What Comes Next* (in my opinion) are the best songs in the show. It is fun to laugh at this villain who thinks he is going to win the war but is obviously wrong. Go team America!

I especially liked this character because I recently went to London on vacation and learned about King George III while touring the famous Buckingham Palace. King George III was the one



who bought the Duke of Buckingham's house for his wife, Queen Charlotte. He used it as a private residence to live and receive visitors, including a 7-year-old Mozart.

Here are a few more interesting facts about King George III:

- 1) He had fifteen children;
- 2) He was the first king to study science as part of his education;
- 3) He is the longest reigning king in British history.



I loved Hamilton the musical for many reasons. Thanks to King George III this musical was filled with laughs and smiles. Da-da-da, dat-da, dat, da-da-da, da-ya-da

Sources

- [Facts About King George III - Have Fun With History](#)
- [Ten things you didn't know about George III | The Royal Family](#)
- Buckingham Palace official souvenir

Lots of Ways to Care for Our Earth



**By Noah Samuel
Tusker Tribune Staff**

Earth Day was this Monday, April 22nd. But do you know what Earth Day really celebrates and means?

History

The first Earth Day started on April 22nd, 1970. It was originally inspired by the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, and many people started to take notice of the need for environmental protection and action. One of those people was Gaylord Nelson. He was the Governor of Wisconsin, and he started to think that teach-ins on environmental action – public lectures/conferences – served at college campuses were the right step forward.

Teach-ins had already been held about the war in Vietnam, and the program shut down quickly because people believed it was a distraction. Over time, the non-profit Environmental Teach-Ins, Inc. gave many speeches, but Nelson believed that they were not working. Eventually, he went to Julien Koenig for help, who produced the idea for Earth Day. They created advertisements for Earth Day, and it was an enormous success. They also worked with Denis Hayes, the national coordinator for Earth Day 1970. Eventually, Earth Day came into existence as a day for educating about the importance of preserving our environment.

Earth Day Through the Years

Earth Day was also a movement started in the 1970's. Many acts such as the Clean Air/Water Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act were passed during that time. 1980 included a festival in Washington D.C. The 1990's brought a profound change. Over 200 million people from 141 countries joined in to bring environmental issues to an international level. By

the time 2000 came around, the day was focused on global warming and climate change, pushing for clean energy. 2001 featured the first Earth Day Google doodle. 2003 was focused on the Water for Life campaign, with many water-related events.

The next few years were about a variety of topics, including safe environments for children, energy efficiency, global warming, and carbon footprints. Starting 2010, many petitions, protests, and campaigns were started to pass bills regarding environmental problems. And up to this year many people around the globe have been educated on the importance of protecting our species, planting trees, ending plastic pollution, green energy, and climate education.

Ways to Act

What did you do for Earth Day? Did you clean up plastic pollution? Or did you educate your family on the effects of climate change? You can also act by donating to/volunteering for nonprofit organizations.

There are many great organizations to help preserve our biodiversity, stop climate change, and clean our planet. Some of them are:

- Team Trees
- Team Seas
- Water for Life
- World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)
- Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)
- Earthjustice
- Greenpeace
- Tree Aid
- Oceana
- Keep America Beautiful

There are *many* more organizations, charities, and nonprofits working to make a positive difference in our world. Remember, it is never too late to save our planet.



Welcome to 'The Company'



By Robert Jarrett
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Editor's Note: This story is based off the "Lethal Company" video game.

"Welcome to the company," said the man, his voice muffled through his suit filters. The small group of recruits had just left March after a close encounter with a Forest Keeper, the giant, flesh-eating monster that had amazing sight but was nearly deaf. But since they reached their first quota of 237 credits, their recruitment practice was over, and they were now officially part of the company.

"Now we just need to head to Jeb to dump out these scraps." These scraps were a couple pieces of sheet metal, an apparatus, and a box of cans and bottles.

4 hours later...

"Titan, here we come!" said W-5917, obviously trying to lighten the mood after the death of W-5921. Not the sharpest tool in the shop, but could pack a punch with a shovel, and carry an apparatus at the same time, and their trainer, RTO-921 after W-5921 rang the bell too many times and was taken by Jeb as RTO-921.

Their replacements, W-0762 and W-3695, were highly qualified for the job, and with a minuscule quota of 582 credits, this will be done in the blink of an eye, right?

As they landed on Titan, the moon of Saturn, the robotic tone of the ship said "*Warning, Titan is in Eclipse state.*" The sigh of their new teammates was all they needed to know that they were going to die.

It felt like forever that they have been following this stupid string of light poles, but they finally reached the door, and, after several pulls, the door opened and...

"What is that?" came the curious voice of W-3695.

"It's an ac-" the shrilling screams of W-3695 could break a vase as he stepped in the blob-like thing. "Acid blob. It is an acid blob," he said, staring at what now is the skeletal remains of W-3695.

"Real shame, you two, add that to your biological compendium. Important data," said W-0762, so nonchalantly that it sounded like he was reading a sad book on a Friday evening.

W-5917 looked around the...mansion? Usually, the abandoned places they raid for scraps are always factories, so much so that company guidebook literally addresses them as factories, and not whatever the word is for abandoned, scrap abundant areas. Needless to say, a mansion is not expected. The two amateurs turned to 762 with a body language of *what is going on?* Which 762... reciprocated.

5 hours later...

The sound of 5917's footsteps was deafening

when in contact with such... silence. He had only found a shovel and a metal sheet. Hope the others had better fortunes. 5917 stopped moving when he heard it, the sound of footsteps like his own.

"Hello?" It stopped "Come out!" he shouted and then, in the darkness, he heard 762's voice, but something was off.

"It's me, Damon." robotic, and no one shared their names.

5917 sat there, shovel in hand. "Come out now!"

All of a sudden, it lunged out at him. 762's suit but with a mask with pulsing red eyes, and a black substance all around the mask. It whispered with what sounded like a thousand voices saying, no, chanting, "Join the crew, Join the company" repeatedly.

With a quick headbutt, 5917 pushed the mask away and with a quick strike, plunged the shovel directly into 762's skull, leaving him dead on the floor. He ran for the main entrance of the mansion, trying to remember how to get there.

And then he saw it.

5921 in a crouched position, still, next to a... large nutcracker statue? It had something in its hands, like a gun, and its head seemingly levitating its body, with a singular, large eye peering around it. 5921 jumped up at the sight of 5917. Just then the eye caught onto the sudden movement of 5921, and bent the weird object in its hands and loaded two cylinders into it, bent it back to shape and —

Shot 5921, whose body flew back several feet into a wall. "NOO! YOU KILLED HIM, YOU, YOU DEFORMITY!" At that, 5917 threw the shovel into the eye at which the nutcracker did a cartoonish way of falling over **onto the mansion tiling.**

1 & 1/2 hours later...

He saw it. He saw the ship. It was far but he could make it in time. But something caught him off guard in the corner of his eye, a red figure lying in the grass. He walked over to the figure. It was 762's green suit with a body inside of it, but no arms, and a coil in replacement from the head. He paid no mind to it, just ran to the ship. He was in, and with a rush of adrenaline, pulled the takeoff lever and left.

The autopilot's voice hummed to life "*Quota not met in set number of days, onboard ejection in T-minus 10,*"

What? NO! NO! NO! YOU CAN'T! GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE! PLEASE! ILL DO ANYTHING!

"1". The doors hissed opened, and 5921 was left to rot in the vastness of space or warped into a black hole.

"Worker five thousand nine hundred twenty one's life support offline."



Manie Musciale: The French Music Battle in Schools Worldwide (Part 1)



By Aleah Gosselin, Laurel Knapp, and Alice Orzechowski
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Introduction:

Manie Musciale, or Musical Mania is an annual competition between francophone artists for French students to vote upon. Like March Madness, students fill out a bracket before the competition officially begins. When the competition starts, the future of which *chantuer* or *chantuese* wins lies in the hands of middle and high school linguistics around the world.

Match 1: Missy D vs. Nuit Incolore



Missy D sings the genres hip-hop, rap, and soul, and sings in the languages French and English. Her song *Case Depart* was very popular in last year's *Manie Musciale* competition.

Nuit Incolore was born in Vietnam and was adopted by a couple from Switzerland. He can play the piano, guitar, ukulele, and the drums.

Missy D's song *Matin Midi Soir* is battling against Nuit Incolore's song *Depasse* in the first matchup of *Manie Musciale*. This is an interesting matchup because these songs have opposite vibes. *Matin Midi Soir* has a colorful, and playful feeling to it; while *Depasse* has a darker and more intense vibe.

Both are awesome songs, and both deserve to move on, but alas, only one must be chosen as the winner of this matchup. Missy D won 66% of the votes, and Nuit Incolore 34% of the votes. So, that means Missy D and her song *Matin Midi Soir* are triumphant as they move on to the next round!

Match 2: Magic System vs. Les Maryann



The members of Magic System are A'salfo, Goude, Tino and Manaaja. This magnificent group of singers sings a genre of music called zouglou from Côte d'Ivoire. Their music is vibrant, fun, and "makes me dance," as @dontcarecplays1368 said in a comment on YouTube regarding *Akwaba*.

This is the first year that Magic System has competed in *Manie Musciale*.

Les Maryann is a Quebecois singing trio. The members of Les Maryann are Dom, PH, and Sam. They sing the



genres rock, folk, and indie, and this is also their first year competing in *Manie Musciale*.

Magic Sytem's song *Akwaba* is competing against Les Maryann's song *Tu Es La* in the second matchup of *Manie Musciale*. They are both great songs, and we all had a tough decision to make, but the winner of Match two is *Akwaba* by Magic System! Hence, this talented singing quartet will be moving on triumphantly to the next

round!

Match 3: Gims vs. Le FLOFRANCO

Gims is a French rapper from Congo. He was born in 1986 and moved to France when he was two years old. In the 2019 *Manie Musciale*, Gims did a duet with Vianney and won that year with their song *Meme*. Gims also competed in 2018, 2021, and 2022 *Manie Musicales*, in addition to this year.



Le FLOFRANCO is a Haitian/French rapper who grew up in Canada. He sings in the genres hip hop and rap. He only participated in the 2023 *Manie Musciale* but won on his first try with his song *Danser Avec Toi*.

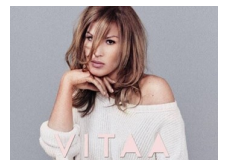
This year, the two are competing with *Horizon* by Gims and *Level Up* by Le FLOFRANCO. But only one artist must win, and this special title goes to Gims, with 88,952 votes and a 59% percent win.

Match 4: Vitaa vs. Begin & Bouvette

In 2020 Vitaa along with Slimane entered their song *Ca Va, Ca Vient* into *Manie Musciale*, and won! Vitaa has done duets for *Manie Musciale* with many different artists such as Amel Bent, Franglish, Dadju, and Gims, but this year she is entering a solo song.



The artists Claude Begin and Claudia Bouvette are entering a duet in *Manie Musciale* this year. Claude Begin can play 16 different instruments and sings the genres rap and pop. Claudia Bouvette can play 5 instruments and sings in French and English.



This matchup could be a test of whether working solo or with another person shows the best results. Could a dazzling duo defeat a stunning solo? Could two incredible individuals work together to create an amazing piece of music? Could someone who steps out their comfort zone end up triumphant?

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Vitaa's song *Les Choses Qu'on Fait* is competing against Begin & Bouvette's song *Rever Eveille* for the spot in the next round in the fourth matchup *Manie Musicale*. With over 128,245 total votes, Begin & Bouvette prevailed over Vitaa in matchup 4!

Match 5: Mika vs. Lekho

Mika's music mixes the sound of the 40s, 60s, and 90s. Also, Mika was born in Liban, he moved to Paris at age one, and moved again to England at age nine. So, Mika has lived in a lot of various places.

Lekho is a rapper who sings in the style of urban pop and is young. Her birth name is Chloe Pasquier. She is from an island in the Pacific Ocean of the south coast of Africa called Réunion.



Mika's song *C'est La Vie* is battling against Lekho's song *La Musique* in the fifth matchup of *Manie Musicale*. This could be the *Manie Musicale* battle of the old and the new. Mika is bringing back the style of the 40s, 60s, and 90s, and Lekho's music could be the start of a new craze for urban pop music across *Manie Musicale* followers!

Two very different styles of music and two very different artists, but only one may move on. One song gained 85% of the votes, while another song won 15% of the votes. With most of the votes, Mika with his song *C'est La Vie* is triumphant!

Match 6: Amir & Black M vs. Baladji Kwata

Amir is an Israeli pop singer from France. He competed in the 2021 and 2022 *Manie Musicales*, as a solo in 2021 and a duet with Indila in 2022. This year, he is doing a duet with Black M. Black M is a French rapper, and competed in the 2017,



2018, 2019 and 2023 *Manie Musicales*. Out of these, he won two!

Baladji Kwata is Cameroonian pop hexad (group of six singers). Its members are Meknel

Dogui, Devas, Abbo Amigo, Monsieur Muss, and Bleck. This is their first year competing in *Manie Musicale*.

Amir and Black M are competing with *Grandir* against *Travailler* by Baladji Kwata. Considering Black M's *Manie Musicale* experience, you would think that they

would win, but the winner of this match is Baladji Kwata!

Match 7: Vianney, Girac, & Soprano vs. Julien Canaby



Vianney, Girac, and Soprano are all from France, and some of them play the guitar, piano, and sing. Kenji Girac sings pop and flamenco music, a genre from the south of Spain. Vianney was born on February 13, 1991, and loves rugby. Soprano



is a French rapper from Marseille. They have all competed in *Manie Musicale*, but never together.

Julien Canaby comes from a family of musicians, he announced in November 2023 that he would pursue other passions, such as

acrobatics or stunts. He also participated in season 10 of *Star Academy* in 2022.



Vianney, Girac, and Soprano are going against Julien Canaby. They both are very good songs, with *Je suis Fou* having a very important and heartwarming message saying that you are not crazy for making the world a better

place, and teamwork is important. Julien has a very upbeat song, making you just want to dance and puts a smile on your face. It tells you in the song to take your time, do not rush, and just appreciate and enjoy life to its fullest.

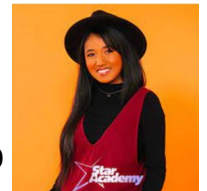
Even though both songs were amazing, only one could move on. Between *Je suis fou* and *Tas le temps*, *Tas le temps* by Julien Canaby won!



Match 8: Ouidad vs. Anisha Jo

Ouidad is inspired by pop and Arabic music. Her parents are both doctors, and she is a singer and a pharmacist. She was born in Paris and grew up in Morocco. This year she is doing a solo on a song called *Casa*.

Anisha was born in Madagascar. She moved to Paris at 15 years old, and she participated in Season 10 of *Star Academy* in 2022. Her personality is discreet and introverted.



This will be a hard decision to vote, with both songs having great rhythm and tune. With *Casa* having a sweet melody, and just putting a smile on your face, and *Tu Rayonnes* making you feel like you're in a magical fairytale, this vote will be a very difficult choice!

At last, after the voting, the decision was finally made, and *Casa* by Ouidad won! She will be moving up to the next round.

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About feeding Westchester: they serve 220,000 people (on average) each month through community partners, meal programs, food pantries and other distributions. In 2023, they distributed more than 21 million lbs of food, equal to over 17 million meals!

We look forward to another successful drive and again having the opportunity to help those who are less fortunate. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,
The SMS FOOD DRIVE COORDINATOR
Jesse Arnett, Deb Kilmer & Cheryl Astrologo

DROP-OFF LOCATION

 SMS - MAIN LOBBY BY PEANUT

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

- ▶ Brown/white rice, whole grain pasta/cereal
- ▶ Meat/High protein items - canned meat (spam, meat spread, beef stew, chicken)
- ▶ Canned Fish (tuna, salmon, sardines, macaroni and cheese, ravioli, beans, lentils)
- ▶ Peanut butter (plastic container)
- ▶ Canned soups, (beans, chicken, ham, beef)
- ▶ Evaporated milk powdered milk
- ▶ Canned items: fruit, plastic juices, juice mixes, vegetables, spaghetti sauce, dried fruits (raisins, apricots, prunes)

**PLEASE CHECK EXPIRATION DATES
AVOID ALL GLASS ITEMS AND NO PERISHABLE FOODS**

Select items that have the following on the label:
LOW SODIUM, REDUCED SODIUM, NO SALT ADDED
NO SUGAR, UNSWEETENED, 100% FRUIT JUICE, LITE

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2024 Champion!

From every competition, a winner must rise. The best of the best, the victor, the champion! This tournament of *Maine Musicale* me and many others on the edge of their seats to see who shall be victorious. The votes are in, and a champion is chosen. The winner is Akwaba!

Fun Facts:

- The first *Manie Musicale* was in 2017
- [675,679 students](https://www.maniemusicale.info/bienvenue), in 6,210 schools, in 37 countries around the world are officially participating in the *Manie Musicale*
- There are 16 songs competing
- Link to the 2024 *Manie Musicale* playlist: <https://somers.schoology.com/link?a=&path=https%3A%2F%2Fyoutube.com%2Fplaylist%3Flist%3DPL0EscDhej4DZqbiAUTL7H0D5EBHvcZTjw%26si%3DKlvfG9ElpoJLUwk4>
- Link to 2024 *Manie Musicale* mashup: <https://somers.schoology.com/page/7186321266>

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BOOKFAIR WRITING CONTEST

SMS PTA PRESENTS

Runs from 4/10 - 5/3
Open to ALL GRADES

Prompt: Imagine waking up one morning to find spring has arrived in a magical way. Flowers bloom in vibrant colors, birds sing beautiful tunes, and the sun shines warmly.

Write a short story about your adventure in this enchanted spring world. What wonders will you discover?

Original Works
in narrative or
poetry
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