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**Enjoy your retirement!**  
The Redmen Reporter would like to salute these EIMS staff members who are retiring after many years of dedication to our East Islip community. Thank you for working hard and making a difference in the lives of so many students. We will miss you! *Congratulations!*



*Mrs. Henaghan*  
**Teaching Assistant**  
20 years in East Islip  
10 years at EIMS  
Also Worked at CES, TPES  
*Future plans:*  
grandkids, beach, travel



*Ms. Cherian*  
**Italian Teacher**  
29 ½ years in East Islip  
29 ½ years at EIMS  
Also Worked at EIHS  
*Future plans:*  
travel and study more languages



*Mrs. Gagliano*  
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29 years at EIMS  
*Future plans:*  
travel, golf, tennis,  
reading, relaxing in  
the pool

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Ms. Krawchuk's CORE class made bracelets to sell for Autism Awareness Month. Each bracelet was \$3.00, and they raised \$420. Proceeds were donated to the EJ Autism Foundation. Thanks to all who purchased a bracelet!

*Photos by Ms. Krawchuk and Mrs. Avella*



## Flowerpot Decorating Contest 4/17/24

*From Mrs. Nolan, Student Government Advisor:*

Congratulations to this year's Flowerpot Decorating Contest winners! They each won a gift card as well as one for their mom. All participants did a great job.

Best Overall Appearance: #7 Julia Hrynyuk

Mom's Favorite: #9 Ashley Pumay

Most Original Idea: #2 Sophia Barnes



Julia

Ashley

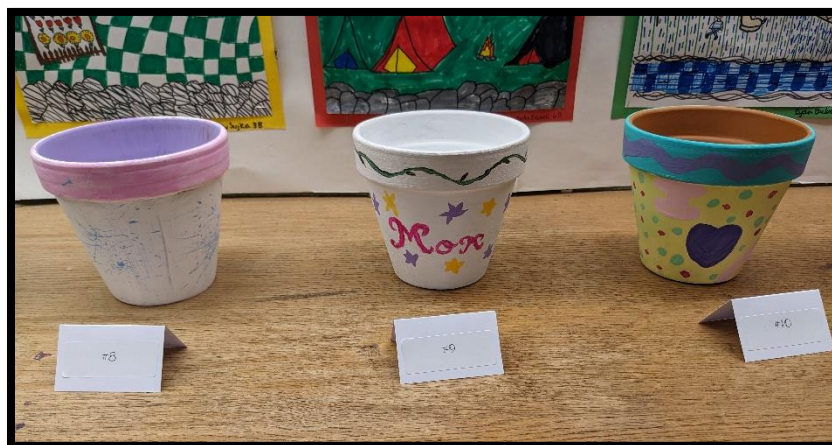
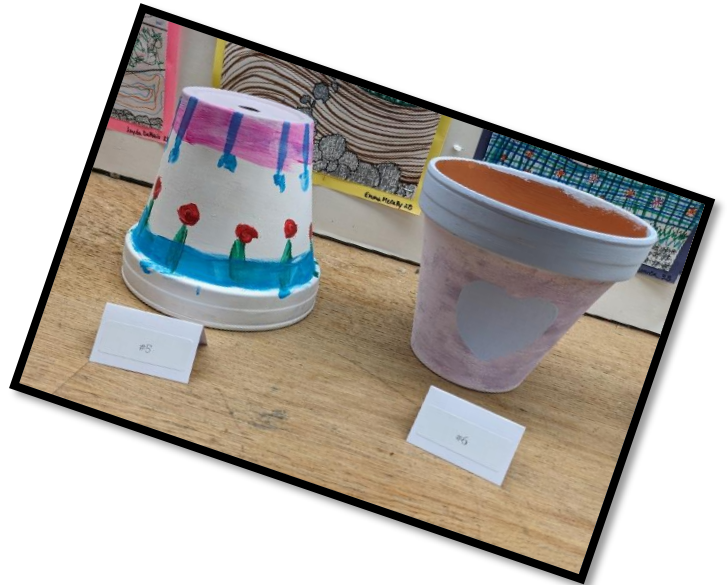
Sophia

*Photos by Mrs. Avella. More photos on page 4.*



# Flowerpot Decorating Contest 4/17/24

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# *Moon cycles*

*As you know, the moon has cycles.*

*full moon, new moon,  
first quarter, last quarter,  
waning crescent, waning gibbous,  
waxing crescent, and waxing gibbous.*

***Fun fact: a blood moon occurs once every 150 years.***

*The moon's surface is dark but the sun rays reflect on it making it glow  
The position of the moon, earth, and the sun is why we see the phases. The  
moon was made when a rock smashed into earth. The moon was created over  
4.5 billion years ago. The most frequent phases are New moon, Full moon first  
and last quarter. The less frequent phases are waning crescent and gibbous and  
waxing crescent and gibbous. The moons we usually see in day time are first  
and last quarter phases. **A blue moon occurs every 2-3 years.** A full  
moon is the brightest. Thank you for reading my article about moon phases :)*

***BY AALIYAH HARDY***

***From Mrs. Nolan,  
Student Government Advisor:***

Congratulations to Juliana Costarelli, winner of the  
The Sandlot Trivia Contest! She was the only  
participant to get all 15 questions correct at the  
Student Government's Movie Afternoon on March  
18, 2024. She won a \$10 Amazon gift card!



## Summer Fun

By Bobby DiVisconti

It's the countdown until summer and I am looking forward to going to all of my favorite places. Do you like the beach, water parks, fishing, or golfing? Here are some fun places you may want to check out this summer.



Splish Splash opens on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Here are some fun rides to check out:

1. Bootleggers Run - it's a 4-person raft that rides like a roller coaster!
2. Hyperlight is a fun fast slide with lights and music!
3. Dragon's Den surprises you with a downward spiral!
4. Mammoth River is a fun river adventure raft ride that you can go on with 4-5 people!
5. Bombs away has a countdown and the floor disappears. Before you know it, you are flying fast down the water slide.

The wave pool and Lazy River are fun too and there are a lot of other rides like Alien Invasion, Riptide Rush, and Hollywood Stunt Rider. I love eating at Johnny Rockets for lunch and getting ice cream for the ride home.

Have you ever visited Kismet on Fire Island? You can take the ferry out of Bayshore. You can also drive to Robert Moses, Field 5 and take the Fire Island Pedicab to the lighthouse or the Kismet border and spend the day at the beach. You can get pizza for lunch or eat at Dive or Kismet Inn, and there is also an ice cream place! The pedicab ride is so much fun and gets you to and from Kismet in a few minutes.



If you have an Islip Town Pass you should check out Byron Lake Pool this summer. They are almost done renovating the pool. There will be a huge new pool and cool water slides and a larger food concession area! I cannot wait to check it out.

Towards the middle of the summer, it's fun to go snapper fishing at the local docks. I like to fish at Bayshore Marina, East Islip Marina, Sayville Park Marina, Great River dock, Maple St. dock in Islip and Homan Ave. dock in Bayshore. If you ever want to try fishing off the docks, I always have an extra fishing pole and plenty of bait!



If you like to golf, you should check out Timberpoint Golf Course. They have three courses - the white, blue and red courses. It's great exercise and you might see a deer, fox, or a turtle!

I hope everyone has a fun and safe summer!



*Photos courtesy of the DiVisconti family*

## ***God of War Ragnarök* Review** **By Griffin Byrne**

*God of War Ragnarök* is the 5th game in the *God of War* series and was released in November of 2022. The first 2 *God of War* games were released onto the PlayStation 2 with a third being released onto the PlayStation 3 soon after. They follow a man named Kratos who lives in Greek mythology and has a vendetta against the gods.

In the 4th game, which was released for PlayStation 4, Kratos has moved into Norse mythology and lives with his son Atreus. They go on a large adventure attracting the attention of the Norse gods. In the 5th game, which this article is about, their previous journey comes back to bite them as they are confronted by many Norse gods about the things they have done in this game and the last one. The combat is very engaging and fun to play. Multiple weapons are at your disposal, each harnessing a different element.

The story is also amazing! Kratos and his son go on an even bigger adventure because of what they have done. At some points, if it feels drawn out, his son will get his own sections of the game with a new combat system that is still very fun to play. In his sequences, he learns to grow apart from his father and be able to survive on his own. Many parts of the story are about trying to defy prophecy and decide your fate. The 9 major locations take the form of the different Norse realms, each one vastly different from the others.

It is not necessary to play the first 3 games in the series to understand *Ragnarök*, but I would say that playing the 4th one is helpful. This game is very fun and entertaining to play, however it requires a more advanced understanding of video games and is probably not for someone just starting out. In conclusion, *God of War Ragnarök* is a spectacular game and I highly recommend it.

**GOD OF WAR.**  
**RAGNARÖK**

## *PRIDE MONTH*

By Anthony Mormile

Pride Month is recognized each year in June where people honor those who showed courage and stood up at the 1969 Stonewall Riots. The first Pride March was in Greenwich Village on June 28, 1970, the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. It was called the Christopher Street Liberation Day March. Now we celebrate Pride every June.

The flag created for Pride Month was adopted on June 25, 1978. In 2009, President Barack Obama declared June as LGBT Pride Month, encouraging many people to be able to discover and be themselves.



# SHARKS... of Long Island?

By Annelise Eichler

As summer is approaching, we might as well talk about the sharks of Long Island. You may or may not already know but Long Island has seen a large spike in shark attacks and sightings over the past couple of years. Who would've thought that the sharks, depicted as the most aggressive predators of the sea, have come to the coast of Long Island? Well, like most things in life, there's a reason. We are trying to find the reason behind why sharks decided to show up to our waters out of the blue (he he... since the water appears to be blue). Let's dive in to find out more about our new aquatic neighbors.

Ten of the most common sharks that you can find off Long Island are the sand tiger shark, the bull shark, the sandbar shark, the smooth dogfish shark, the spiny dogfish shark, the common thresher shark, the dusky shark, the great white shark, and the blue shark! Recently, a giant basking shark was found close to the beach at Robert Moses State Park. But who's been the most active in attacking humans? If you guessed the great white shark or the bull shark you are actually wrong. Out of all of these species of sharks, the main suspect for the attacks on Long Island are...



the sand tiger sharks! 😬

This is especially interesting because sand tiger sharks are not known as being aggressive unless threatened. Also, these sharks are known to only travel at speeds of 0.87 miles per hour, so these sharks aren't going to surprise you due to how slow they travel.

The real question though is why these sharks are more present on Long Island than ever before. The actual answer is simple. Specific kinds of commercial nets have been banned in the area and can no longer capture big schools of bunker fish. Since there's now a larger population of bunker fish off Long Island, there is now a larger population of sharks that feed on bunkers. The law banning these nets was signed in April of 2019. This is the truth behind why we have been seeing such an increase in shark populations off the coast of Long Island. 😊



Another great bulletin board by our library staff.

*Photo by Mrs. Avella*







# Is the Universe getting Bigger or Smaller?

By Darian Primiano



You may not feel or see it, but the universe is expanding and contracting. The universe expands to a certain point, then it slows down, then finally contracting until it snaps into nothing. After that, it starts expanding again. That is called the “Big Bang”.



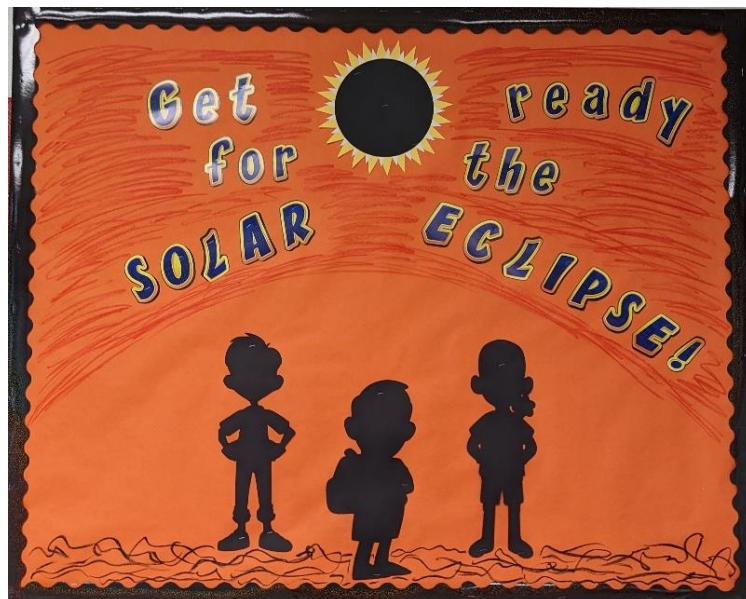
The big bang theory surprisingly started by one hot and dense spot, that eventually grew bigger and bigger as it stretched. Scientists can actually see the echo through an occurrence called the “Cosmic Microwave Background”.

When the universe expands, *it* doesn’t just expand, the stars and planets both move farther apart too. This happens because of dark energy (another term for vacuum energy). Different sections of the galaxy are expanding and contracting at different rates.

Space itself doesn’t expand, but our universe and other universes do. In space there are spots where the matter in the area collapses. People describe it as “Space Falling”. These are the facts behind the universe's secrets. There are still a lot of things that people have yet to discover about our universe. They may solve our world problems or maybe not.



Another great bulletin board by our library staff.  
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*Asst. Principal:* Mr. Seifert

*Asst. Principal:* Dr. D'Aversa

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Gary Lin

Anthony Mormile

Darian Primiano

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## Frozen Sweets for Summer

**By Peyton Zusmer**

School is quickly coming to an end as a local ice cream shop, Ralph's, opens again for the warm weather. There are so many Ralph's Famous Italian Ices located around Long Island that traveling to one is a quick bike ride from almost anywhere. Ralph's serves ice cream, ices, and many frozen treats in between such as twisters, doughnados, sundaes, sherbets, icebergs, and many more.

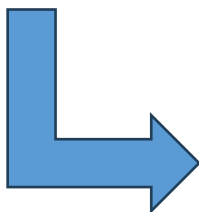
They serve a variety of ice cream flavors as well as some peanut-free soft serve ice cream with flavors such as vanilla, chocolate, and a twist of both. Some regular ice cream flavors are vanilla graham, cotton candy, cake batter and mint chocolate chip. My favorite dessert to buy at Ralph's is their hot fudge crunch sundae which is vanilla ice cream and whipped cream with layers of hot fudge and chocolate crunch.

If you are looking for somewhere to hang out with friends during the summer or if you just want a delicious frozen treat for the hot weather, then I recommend you give Ralph's a try!



Visit their website for more information:

<https://www.ralphsices.com/ice-cream/>



## **STEAM Day at EIHS April 4, 2024**

EIMS Robotics Club students attended STEAM Day at East Islip HS with Mr. Kench and Mrs. Avella.



**A huge shout out to our  
custodial staff for taking  
care of our courtyard  
ducks every spring!**

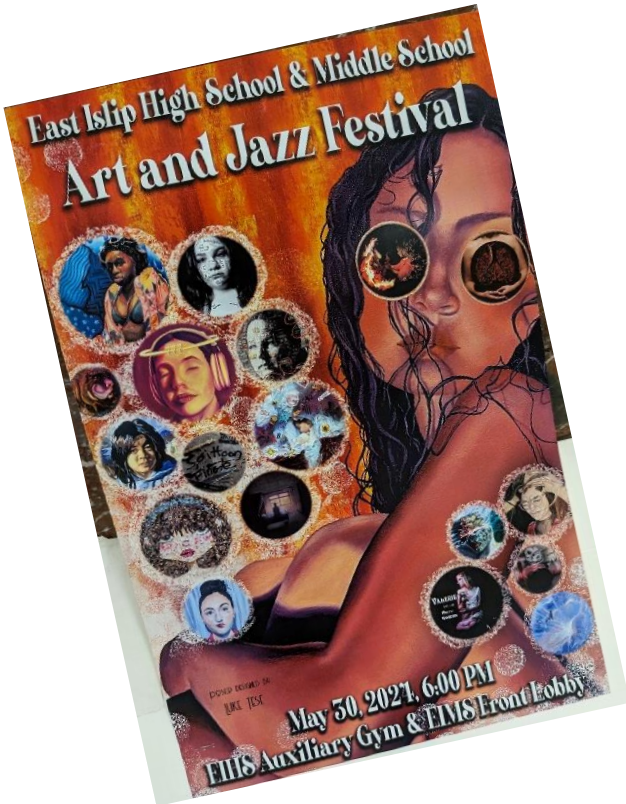
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Art and Jazz Festival

May 30, 2024

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# SUMMER THEMED WORD SEARCH

By Sabrina Gabuna



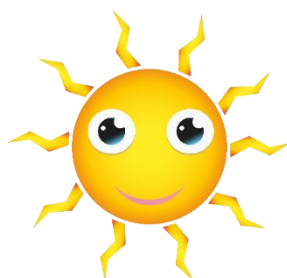
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**Summer Themed Word Search**  
**By Sofia Caviedes**



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