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CONGRATS to the WINNERS!

Congratulations to the Student Government **Unity Day Raffle winners:** Ayden Nathan, Samantha Scott, Rylie Meyer, and Connor Schaper. Prizes were \$10 gift cards to Starbucks, Five Below and Amazon. Thank you to all students who participated!



Congratulations to the Student Government **Guessing Jar Contest Winner.** There were 158 chocolate kisses in the jar and Hannah Santoro guessed 156. She won a \$10 gift card and the jar of candy!

Your Student Government officers for 2022-23:
President: Peter Gernand
Vice-President: Annelise Eichler
Treasurer: Brycen Grant
6th Grade Representative: Taegan Tantillo

There was no need for elections this year because all candidates ran unopposed. Congratulations!

Photos by Mrs. Avella



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School Activities

By Madelyn Halter

This year, many events are being planned that you can participate in. In this article, you will find information about some activities throughout the year that you can get involved in.

Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

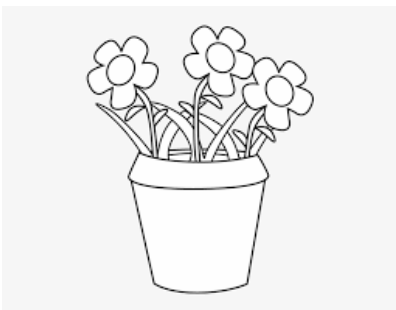
Every year in December, Student Government hosts a gingerbread house decorating contest for participants to create their best gingerbread house designs! Students work in teams and the houses are put on display for judging by middle school staff members. Winning team members receive prizes, usually gift cards. To sign up, you should listen to announcements and see Mrs. Nolan in Room 203 to get a permission slip.

Editor's note: this year's event is being held on December 7th in the cafeteria. Permission slips are due 12/2/22 along with a \$5 fee per team member.

Flowerpot Decorating Contest

Student Government also hosts a flowerpot decorating contest just before Mother's Day. Students work on their own to create the prettiest flowerpots! If you win, both you and your mom receive a gift card! This is a spring event, so listen to daily announcements for more information.

These are just a few of the activities we do at the middle school. If you're interested, you should try them out!



EIMS Eats

By Sullivan Griffin

Welcome to EIMS Eats! In this column, I will be reviewing some of the best foods and some of the worst in the middle school cafeteria. Today's feature is Cheesy Stuffed Breadsticks.

In my personal opinion I would give this item a rating of 7 out of 10. It is baked to the perfect temperature and has gooey cheese melting inside. It lost 3 points for its bland and boring appearance. The white cafeteria tray doesn't help either. But what it lacks in appearance, it makes up for in taste!

Not all students think it's amazing. Vance E. said "there's not enough cheese. At this point, it's just bread". However, most students would agree this is a winner. Nick S. said "it's pretty decent." Luke L. said, "it's delicious, super cheesy, and it stretches when you pull it!" Jaylen J. said, "it's delicious, and the texture is amazing!"

But hey, don't take my word for it. Try it for yourself! One last thing - in my opinion, skip the marinara sauce. Many students do like it so I guess you can give it a try it.

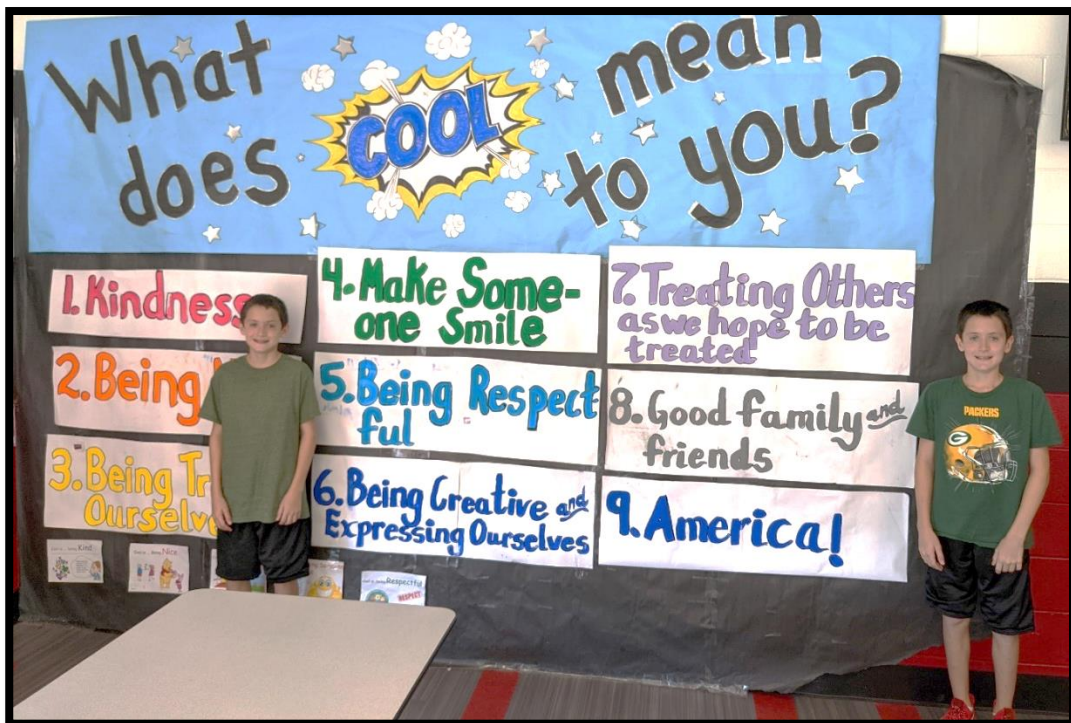


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*Start with Hello Week
September 19, 2022*

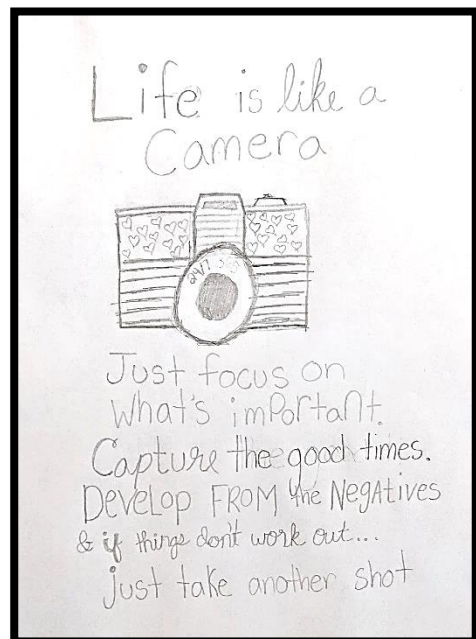
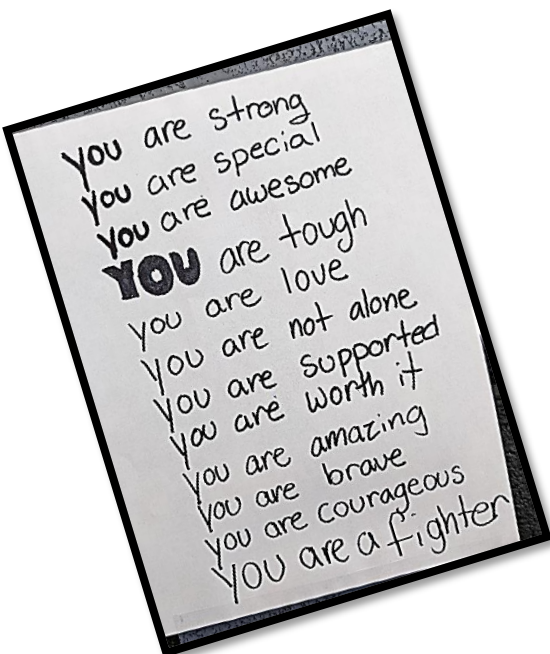
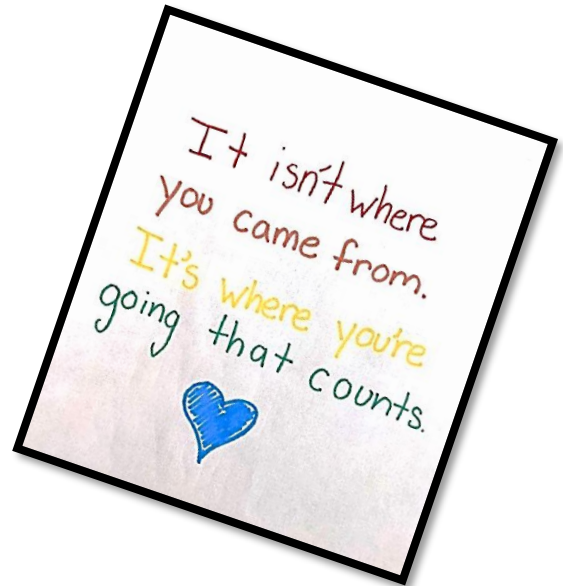
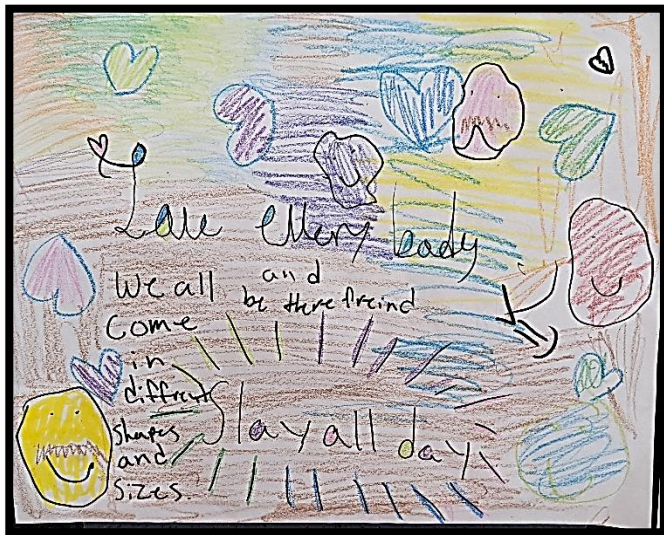
Disney Day, Wear Green/Orange
Day, Crazy Hair Day

Photos by Mrs. Avella



Start with Hello Week September 19, 2022

Students made kindness posters during lunch periods.



Memes That Changed the Generation: Back at it Again!

By Peter Gernand

Welcome back everyone, it's Peter Gernand here. After a beautiful summer which I hope everyone enjoyed, I was sitting in my office chair one day and thought, "What would be good to kick off the new school year?" I thought about it for a while, and eventually, I came up with the perfect solution. So today for the back-to-school season, we're back at it with some more memes...of 2022!

I'm pretty sure all of you have heard of the Will Smith and Chris Rock incident by now. When it happened at the 2022 Oscars back in March, the news spread like wildfire. If you browse the Internet lately, a lot of memes involving this incident show up. These memes basically involve certain people, brands, statements, etc. labeled on Will and Chris, while one of them is slapping the other, just like Will Smith did to Chris Rock. This meme can be used to express certain feelings or actions towards things that people did that may deserve a little slap, not that Chris Rock deserved it at all.

Another famous meme that has been making its way across the Internet lately has been the recent trending Nerd Emoji meme. This meme has been everywhere in 2022, featuring a Simpsons skin color head, with glasses, dimples, and two large front teeth, to give off that "nerd" vibe. There have been lines associated with this meme, but the most famous one has been "Um, actually...". This meme has mostly been used in situations where someone said something, generally sarcastic, then the Nerd coming in and saying "Um, actually..." and correcting their mistake with complicated facts. (I have nothing against nerds by the way.)

The final meme I will be talking about is one that has been generated over the spring, with a movie. "Um, actually, there were 2 movies." Oh, right, thank you Nerd. You can be a big help in certain situations. See, I told you I have nothing against nerds. Anyway, the two movies I'm talking about are *Morbius* and *Minions: The Rise Of Gru*.

Let's start with *Morbius* which was released on April Fool's Day 2022. This was fitting because some critics thought the Marvel based movie was so bad, it was an April Fool's joke! However, the movie gained popularity with meme creators who made a specific line for the movie, "It's Morbin' Time." It was associated with the main character, Morbius, played by actor Jared Leto, turning into his ultimate vampiric-like form. This line has also been associated with many other things, turning the "Morbin'" part into something else that rhymes. It also was considered the best movie of all time with meme creators, which brings us to the next movie.

Minions: The Rise Of Gru was a popular movie, which actually started a trend in movie theaters that involved large groups of people in fancy suits going to see the movie. Talk about that. Meme creators as well, made videos about people saying "One ticket to the new *Minions* movie please" and stuff like that. Both *Morbius* and *Minions: The Rise of Gru* were both such popular movies for people who liked memes, that it actually started a war! People are either taking sides for *Morbius*, or the *Minions* movie as "The Movie of All Time" and it has been spreading like wildfire.

Anyway, I think that wraps up our meme review for memes of 2022. I hope you enjoyed reading this article about memes, and with that, I, Peter Gernand, and my assistant Nerd, wish you students at East Islip School District a great 2022-23 school year with many memes in your near future!



Rap Battles/Rap Genre

By Fabrizio Escobar

The rap genre of music is a fascinating and amazing type of music. It is upbeat, funky and anyone can enjoy it (only if they want to). Rap started in the 1980's by DJ's removing the beats or instrumentals of disco, funk, and upbeat music, and extending them. Later, people started to rhyme and compose their own songs with either their own melodies or sampling. Sampling is when you take a piece of music and either keep it that way or change by a little bit, such as playing with the pitch or adding extra sounds. Rappers sample random things such as a piano playing, a crowd singing, a beat from an old song or basically anything. Many rappers have created good quality and famous songs by using this method. For example, Kanye West has sampled many things, such as beats from old rap music to hip hop music.

Other rappers like to create their own beats to make it more authentic. Eminem used to participate in rap battles. A rap battle is when you are up against someone using music. Someone makes a beat, and you make up rhymes that flow with the beat. Eminem was famous for this. A specialty of his was rapping fast. People were majorly impressed by this weird and amazing talent. Eminem started rapping like this only because he thought it was better, and that he would win this way. Other rappers just want to keep it simple and rap freestyle.

Many famous rappers emerged from different places. Snoop Dogg emerged from Long Beach, CA, Eazy-E started out in Compton, CA, and Biggie Smalls (Notorious B.I.G.) came out from Brooklyn, NY. Nowadays, rappers come from all around the world. My personal favorite rapper is Lil Darkie, a rapper who is Hispanic and is represented by a little cartoonish character with the characteristics of a black widow spider. He was born in Los Angeles, CA. The songs that made him famous, in my opinion, are: "HAHA" (known through Tik-Tok) "Rap Music" and "I can See Clearly Now." He is not a well-known rapper but, in my opinion, has good potential to become famous one day.

I hope this article helped you know a little more about the rap genre and its performers.



The Multiverse Saga

By Daniel Varley

During Comic-Con in San Diego, back in July of this year, one of the biggest announcements in Marvel history was made. In Hall H, Marvel Studios executive Kevin Feige announced Phases 5 and 6 of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Kicking off Phase 5 will be *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*, which hits theaters on February 17, 2023. Other installments in Phase 5 include *Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3*, *Secret Invasion* and more that were previously revealed. The new announcements for Phase 5 include an 18-episode Disney+ series called *Daredevil: Born Again*. It stars Charlie Cox returning as Matt Murdock/Daredevil and Vincent D'Onofrio returning as Wilson Fisk, better known as the Kingpin.

There were two other movie announcements. *Captain America: New World Order* will have Anthony Mackie playing the new Captain America. He first debuted as the Falcon in 2014's *Captain America: The Winter Soldier*. The main antagonist of the film will be Samuel Sterns, who was last seen in 2008's *The Incredible Hulk*. Tim Blake Nelson has been confirmed to reprise his role as Sterns and Harrison Ford has been confirmed in the role of Thaddeus "Thunderbolt" Ross. Ross is speculated to become the Red Hulk in this movie. Speaking of Thunderbolt Ross, *Thunderbolts*, a movie about a team of antiheroes that will feature Ross will hit theaters in 2024 alongside *Captain America: New World Order*.

The big news came when Phase 6 was presented! The previously announced *Fantastic Four* was confirmed to be released in early 2025. Toward the end of Phase 6, *Avengers: The Kang Dynasty* and *Avengers: Secret Wars* will be released. These two films will complete Phase 6 and The Multiverse Saga. The antagonist of *Avengers: The Kang Dynasty* will be Kang the Conqueror, played by Jonathan Majors. Before that, Kang will appear in *Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania*, as well as season 2 of *Loki*.

In September, Ryan Reynolds announced the release of *Deadpool 3*, which will now take place in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. This will feature Reynolds as Deadpool as well as Hugh Jackman, who returns to play Wolverine one last time.

Other films in Phase 6 are unknown but there is speculation that includes sequels to *Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings*, *Eternals*, a third *Doctor Strange* movie, and a fifth *Thor* film. Other rumored projects include a *Wonder-Man* Disney+ series, a project on Nova, a movie about Hercules, and even a possible Ghost Rider project.

Now, some of you might be asking how Spider-Man fits into all of this, but I do have an answer. A fourth Spider-Man film is confirmed to be in the works and is speculated to deal with the aftermath of *Daredevil: Born Again*. We're still unsure about how everything will tie into the Multiverse, but I can say this next chapter of the Marvel Cinematic Universe will be wild.



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Avengers: The Kang Dynasty and
Avengers: Secret Wars



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Sasaeng: Inside the Rabbit Hole

By Angelina Altamirano



I'm sure many of you have heard of the industry powerhouse that is K-pop. From the colorful performances to appearances on TV shows like Cartoon Network's *We Bare Bears* and Nickelodeon's reboot of *All That*, K-pop has become a cultural phenomenon. Bands are gaining many views of their videos. For example, BTS had 101 million views in the first 24 hours of release. These views are, of course, achieved by the fans.

But what is going on within the fandom? Is there a dark side? The sad truth is that there is a dark side. The K-pop fandom has different levels of fans: the normal fans, the overly obsessed fans and then there is another level, more darker and demented called 사생 (sasaeng). But, what is sasaeng?

A sasaeng fan is an overly obsessed K-pop fan that will go to extreme lengths to prove their love to the band or performers they absolutely idolize. The term sasaeng comes from these two Korean words: 사 (Sa), private and 생 (Saeng), life. Sasaengs will invade their idols' privacy just to prove their love for them, as shown in Super M's episode of *All That*, where three fans go into the band's dressing room and take their personal belongings. But Nickelodeon almost romanticizes this. After Super M confronts their fans about going into their dressing room, one of the fans asks if they can do a performance for her, to which they reply "Sure!" P.S.: If you do this in real life, they'll most likely call security!!!

This first situation has just gotten some traction now, but the stalking has been going on for at least three years. One sasaeng has been stalking a member of the K-pop band, Twice. The member being stalked is Nayeon. The fan has been going out of their way to prove to Nayeon that he absolutely adores her. In 2019, he started making numerous YouTube videos expressing his love for her. He went to her favorite places in Korea including restaurants and stores, asking employees for Nayeon's phone number or one of her family member's numbers so that he could contact her.

It got more intense when the fan found out Twice's flight information and snuck on to the plane to give her a letter. He was promptly wrestled down by bodyguards and managers and was thrown off the plane. The fan also leaked another member's phone number in order to ask for Nayeon's number. Twice's record label, JYP Entertainment, put out a statement saying, "We have confirmed the circumstances in which Twice member Chaeyoung's personal information has been leaked online and distributed without permission." They said that they were going to take legal action.

In 2020, Nayeon filed a restraining order against the fan in order to protect herself and her bandmates. After that, the fan apparently found another member's phone number and called her. Fans of the band have trended the hashtag #SaveNayeon, to give her support and well wishes during this scary time.

Sasaengs aren't just stalkers. Well, actually, a majority of them are stalkers. One fan installed security cameras outside of an idols' home to see where they were going in order to follow them around. Another tried to take a member of Girls' Generation off stage. One of the band members saw this and quickly saved her. The man was escorted off stage by security shortly after.

Things can get dark very quickly. Some fans have gone as far as doing bodily harm. One fan squirted their favorite idol in the eye with a water gun. This

may seem harmless, right? I mean, it's just a water gun and it was probably filled with water, right? No. The water gun was filled with a mixture of soy sauce and vinegar. The performer was temporarily blinded and had cornea damage because of this.

Then there is the most notable instance which is very well-known in the K-pop world when talking about sasaengs. It was one of the first stories I thought about when writing this article. For those who don't know this story, I will tell you.

In 2006, a sasaeng fan gave Yunho of TVXQ a glass of orange juice. This fan was apparently a Yunho anti-fan. According to Yunho, he thought the "fan" was a staff member, so he didn't really think anything of it and drank it. You probably wouldn't have thought anything of it either until you found out that the "orange juice" was laced with super glue.

Yes, you heard me correctly. Super glue.

After he drank the "orange juice", he started to vomit and was hospitalized immediately. He could have died from this. The sasaeng turned themselves in and told the police that it was just a prank.

An article from Soompi.com, retelling the incident stated "In a letter that accompanied the glass of juice, Go wrote, 'Be careful what you say, you won't last long. Do you have any idea how many people change the channel as soon as TVXQ comes on?' along with other, similar sentiments." This experience caused Yunho to develop a panic disorder and he drank ten cups of orange juice to get over it. "I felt like I was arrogant. I thought I overcame the trauma..." he said in an interview back in 2019.

Now what have we learned? It is ok to love a celebrity. It's completely fine to talk about them 24/7, stream your favorite songs by them or watch every single movie or show they are in. But there is a fine line between expressing your love and

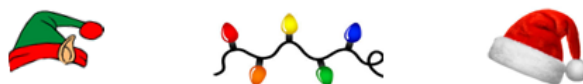
admiration for an artist and just completely invading their personal space, taking their belongings, or expressing acts of violence.

I really like K-pop too. I love the fandom and the music. Everything about it is great but I wouldn't invade someone's privacy. If you love an artist or band or any celebrity, great! Don't let that obsession get out of hand. Make your obsession healthy. Just don't get put in jail.

Holiday Spirit Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

Holiday Accessory Day!

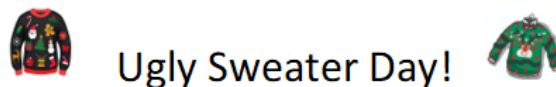


TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

Favorite Holiday Character Day!

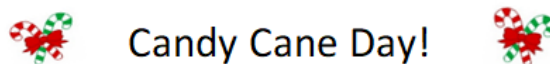


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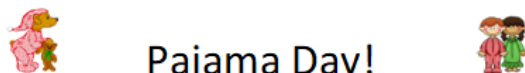
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND



Candy Cane Day!

Wear your Red & White School Colors!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD



Pajama Day!

An overview of 3 smash hit Roblox games: *Piggy*, *Doors*, and *Rainbow Friends*

By Griffin Byrne

Roblox is one of the most frequently used platforms of all time, where creators can make their own games and upload them. Some of the most successful games are *Piggy*, *Doors*, and *Rainbow Friends*. Each game is extremely well thought out and developed.

Piggy is a game with a sort of childish start. It takes place in the Peppa Pig universe, about 5 years after the show. You are the main character of the story, playing a police officer and are sent to investigate a missing persons case for Georgie Pig (the names were changed due to copyright). You find a monster pig with a baseball bat who chases you around while you find color coded keys to unlock doors. When you escape, it is revealed to be some sort of zombie apocalypse. There are 24 maps with bonuses in between. The storyline is very good and treasured by most. If you are hit by a monster's weapon, you become one of them. Can you beat the game and discover the mysterious origins of the apocalypse?

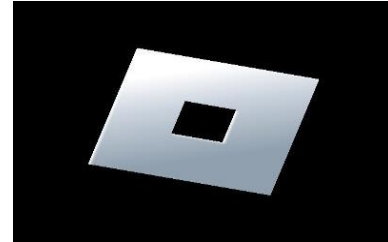
Roblox Doors is another game more focused on horror elements. There are 100 doors which you can walk through or unlock with keys and puzzles if needed. There are 2 chase sequences but random scares throughout. Another scary sequence comes at door 50. A monster who bears close resemblance to the Demogorgon from *Stranger Things* will chase you around a library. The rooms are all random except for a few. It is one of the most popular and enjoyed games on the platform.

For the third and final game, we have *Rainbow Friends*. It starts with a group of students on a bus heading to a theme park called Odd World. There is a sign with an arrow leading to it, but a mysterious shadow arm switches the direction, leading the bus to crash and the students to be kidnapped. You awake in an old abandoned indoor theme park where multiple-colored monsters such as Blue, Green, and Orange reside. The shadow man tells you that his blocks fell over and that you must find and place them back.

On the first night, the monster Blue comes out and reveals that if you get to him first, he will knock

you out and the shadow man will take you away. More monsters come out every time for 5 nights until a final night where Blue chases you through a vent system until you escape the theme park. You can find the story on the map and challenges where lots of things are revealed.

All three of these amazing games are very fun to play. I highly suggest downloading *Roblox* and playing these spectacular three games.



BTS in *Cookie Run: Kingdom* By James Blaschuk

Cookie Run: Kingdom added a new 100-day event which gives you free items solely by existing and playing rhythm games to unlock the 7 members of the K-pop group, BTS. You can unlock RM, Jin, Suga, J-Hope, Jimin, Jungkook, and V as cookies.

You can also make a BTS themed kingdom and listen to random kingdoms drawn by the members of BTS. There is a new BTS concert mode for unlocking ARMY bombs to use BTS gacha draws to get BTS cookies, costumes, decorations, and more. There's no better time to start playing *Cookie Run: Kingdom*. Start your unforgettable journey today!



K-pop: A Look Through History

By Jasmin Law

What do people think of when they talk about of K-pop? They probably think of BTS (Bangtan Boys; we'll get into them later) and their crazy fans -- they're called ARMY, by the way. Well, I think of something different. I think of a community, a culture, and how it came to be. If you don't want a little history lesson, then leave now.

Back in the 1960s, around the Korean War, rock bands like Add4 and the Key Boys played in bars and clubs in Seoul, South Korea. Some bars were near military bases where soldiers, Korean and American alike, would come and listen to their music. But soon, things got complicated as Korea fell under a dictatorship and the government banned Korean rock music and arrested musicians but, we can skip over all that.

Fast forward to the 90s when an iconic group called Seo Taiji & Boys debuted. With influences from Western hip-hop, R&B, and Korean ballads, this group created the foundation for what we now know as modern K-pop, your average BTS and BLACKPINK. As Seo Taiji & Boys began to retire, SM Entertainment debuted one of the first K-pop boy groups in 1996, H.O.T. (High-five Of Teenagers), inspired by American boy groups and Japanese idols. A year later, in 1997, SM Entertainment debuted one of the first K-pop girl groups, S.E.S. (Sea, Eugene, Shoo). H.O.T. and S.E.S., among other K-pop groups, make up the first generation of K-pop. Generation 1.5 was full of "experimental" groups like Shinhwa, g.o.d. and BoA.

BoA is a female soloist who was the first K-pop artist to reach number one on the Japanese Oricon music charts in August of 2000. She represented the birth of K-pop for international audiences and Hallyu, a wave where Korean influences and

cultural markets reached outside Korea. However, Wonder Girls was how K-pop entered the U.S. market.

K-pop was still new when YouTube launched. So, what event sparked K-pop fans throughout the web? Well, of course, that would be thanks to Psy's "Gangnam Style." The song was the first YouTube video to hit one billion views, and people started getting into K-pop. Before that, another piece contributed a lot to Hallyu, and that song was "Sorry Sorry" by Super Junior. The choreography and music video for this song taught the K-pop entertainment industry that they could remain true to themselves and their culture and still gain mass popularity.

After more attempts at breaking into the English-language market, generation 3 global superstars BTS debuted in 2013. They would become what I know as one of the top K-pop boy groups in the world. Well, they did meet U.S. President Joe Biden, so I think it's safe to say they're on top.

As of October 2022, BTS will begin their mandatory military service in South Korea, starting with Jin. All members will reunite in 2025, and hopefully, their service release won't be delayed like some people (ahem, Taemin).

For the sake of everyone still reading, I won't go on about all the major K-pop groups and how they're doing. I will say, however, to stream Stray Kids' album *Maxident*. If you like rap or hip-hop, you'll definitely enjoy the music made by our generation 4 kings, Stray Kids.

Thank you for listening to my slightly long Ted Talk, and I'll see you in 2025 when BTS comes back from their military service.

K-pop

Pumpkin Decorating Contest 10/24/22

Photos by Mrs. Avella

From Mrs. Nolan, Student Government Advisor:

Thank you to all the students who participated and staff who voted in this year's Pumpkin Decorating Contest in October.

Congratulations to this year's winners:

Scariest pumpkin:

Team 27-Aiden Iannone and Vincent Fox

Most creative pumpkin:

Team 35-Caitlin Ropiak and Alyssa Carso

Best all-around pumpkin:

Team 42-Hailey Zepeda and Kayden Cruz



Scariest



Most Creative



Best All-Around

Pumpkin Decorating Contest 10/24/22

Photos by Mrs. Avella



Mary Poppins. Jr

By Elena Aurrecoechea

In February, something extremely exciting is happening...our school play! Mary Poppins. Jr is the show selected for this year. On February 4th and 5th of 2023, you can go see it in the East Islip Middle School Auditorium. The starring role of Mary Poppins will be played by Kendal Gravano. I would recommend coming because it's going to be supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Congratulations to all the students who auditioned and were selected to be in the play. This is going to be an amazing show! See you there.

Recipe: Spoonful of Sugar Cake Pops

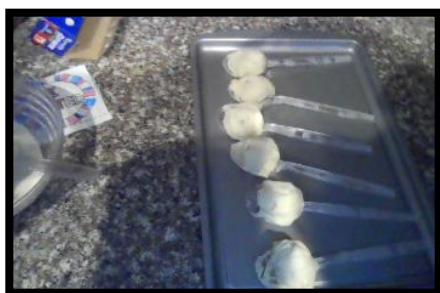
Ingredients

- 1 box of cake mix with required ingredients as per box
- 1 tub of vanilla frosting
- White candy melts
- White sugar crystals
- Plastic Spoons
- Wax paper



Directions

1. Mix the cake according to the instructions on the box.
2. Bake the cake by following the instructions on the box. Make sure the cake is completely cooled off before you move on to the next step.
3. Once the cake is cooled, in a large bowl, crumble the cake into small pieces.
4. After crumbling the cake, now you can add the frosting. It's recommended that you use creamy buttercream frosting. Mix the frosting and the cake crumbs together thoroughly.
5. Lay a piece of wax paper on a cookie sheet. Roll small cake balls and place them on your sheet. These cake pops are going to have to be a smaller pop in order to fit into your spoon.
6. Place the sheet in the freezer for about 20 minutes until they are set. In a small bowl, melt the candy melts according to the package instructions. This part is especially important - don't overheat. As a result, you may actually cook the chocolate rather than melt it.
7. Dip one of your cake pops into the white candy coating. You want it to be evenly coated, but not dripping. Cover the entire cake pop with the sugar.
8. On your plastic spoon, place a drop of the white coating then place your cake pop on the spoon. Let it freeze for a few minutes and then there's your cake pops.



“Its good” said Elena Aurrecoechea.
“It’s a little crunchy” said Michaela Alba.
“Too sweet and was hard to make” said
Lynne Alba.

Photo by Elena Aurrecoechea

Halloween 2022

Photos by Mrs. Avella



No, this is NOT a student! It's just Mr. Kreuder, Social Studies teacher and Newspaper Club Co-Advisor.

Recipe: Icebox Cake

By Peyton Zusmer

Ingredients:

- 3 cups heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 (9-ounce) packages chocolate wafer cookies
- Unsweetened cocoa (or chocolate shavings)

Directions:

- In a large bowl, beat cream, sugar and vanilla with an electric mixer on high speed until soft peaks form.
- On a flat serving plate, arrange 7 cookies side by side in a circle, keeping 1 cookie in the center.
- Spread with 1/2 cup whipped cream, making a 7-inch circle. Repeat with remaining cookies and cream, making 11 layers of cookies and ending with a layer of cream (there will be a few cookies left over).
- Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.
- To serve, dust top lightly with cocoa powder or chocolate shavings.

My opinion

My family and I really enjoyed this cake because it has the perfect amount of sweet and fluffiness to it, especially when you let the cookies fully soften out. It becomes like a soft cake.
(Fun fact: this was my great-grandpa's favorite cake!)

History

The National Biscuit Company, Nabisco, made their Famous Chocolate Wafers in 1924 along with a ginger and sugar version. They were lighter, thinner and crisper than an unfilled Oreo. They would have surely faded into the background if some 1930's women hadn't discovered that if you stack them, separated with a layer of whipped cream, it would soften into a cake overnight.

Recipe from: <https://smittenkitchen.com/2007/01/wafer-wonderland/>
Photos by Peyton Zusmer



Pumpkin Cookies 🍂

By Cailin Melody

Makes 24 cookies

Ingredients - Pumpkin Cookies:

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 Tbsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup pumpkin purée

Ingredients - Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 4 oz cream cheese, at room temp
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 1 Tbsp milk
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar



Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a large bowl, cream the butter and both sugars together for 3 minutes.
3. Add in the pumpkin purée and vanilla. Mix until combined.
4. Fold in the flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves until dough forms.
5. Roll dough into balls (should be about 2 Tbsp per ball) and place on a baking sheet lined with parchment paper and flatten them out a bit. (The dough is sticky so I recommend wetting your hands to help).
6. Bake for 14 minutes. Place on a cooling rack.
7. For the frosting cream together the cream cheese and butter until combined. Add in the vanilla, powdered sugar, and vanilla. Mix until smooth.
8. Frost the cookies once they have cooled completely. You can sprinkle some cinnamon on top for presentation.

Reviews:

This is one of my favorite recipes! My siblings did not like this recipe but, they aren't fans of pumpkin so it makes sense. My parents loved these though.

Photo by Cailin Melody

How to Draw an Anime Face!

By Danna Perez

Has anime become one of your current obsessions? Well, you're in luck today because this tutorial is perfect for you! Here I will show you how to draw an anime face in six easy steps!

But before we start drawing, let me tell you some quick facts about anime!

Anime is a Japanese style of film and animation that is famous worldwide. Its origins date from 1917, with a series of animated short films. Shimokawa Oten was among the first producers and is known as one of the fathers of anime. Anime-style art is characterized by easy and unique features like:

- **Large expressive eyes:** since eyes are considered windows to the soul, artists use large eyes to express or exaggerate emotions of a character.
- **Smooth hair styles:** Wild hair, spiky hair, extremely long hair, and unnaturally colored hair are all common in anime and help to express the character's personality.
- **Tall bodies:** Many anime characters have unusually tall or exaggerated bodies.

Anime can be classified into a few specific subgenres:

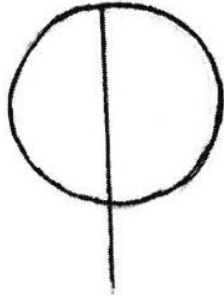
- **Shonen:** typically features young males as lead characters. Shonen can be fantasy, sci-fi, sports or anything that comes out of your imagination. Naruto, Dragon Ball Z and My Hero Academia are all examples of shonen.
- **Shoujo:** translates to "young girl". It features young heroines as the central characters. Like shonen, shoujo can focus on many different themes. Relationships and romance are very popular categories of shoujo.

Popular anime of 2021–2022 include Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba, Spy x Family, One Piece, My Hero Academia, Naruto, and Bleach.

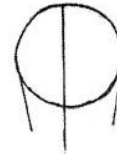
Now that we have reviewed many unique facts about anime, it is time to have some fun and draw an anime face!! :D

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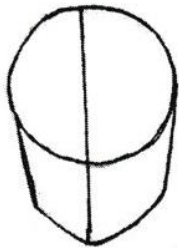
Step 1: Draw a round circle and make a vertical guideline down the middle of it.



Step 2: Draw two lines at the left & right side of the circle.



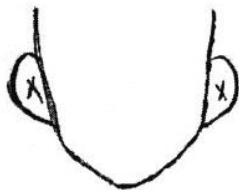
Step 3: Draw two more lines at the end of the two previous lines you drew. Make sure they connect on the vertical line!



Step 4: Erase the bottom part of your circle, and the vertical line.



Step 5: Add ears. Once you add them, erase the top part of your circle.



Step 6: Add eyes, hair, eyebrows, nose, mouth & a neck. Add details to your character! That's it! You just drew an anime face! :]



Someday we will find what we are looking for, or maybe not. Maybe we'll find something much greater than that.

-Author Unknown
Quote submitted by Danna Perez



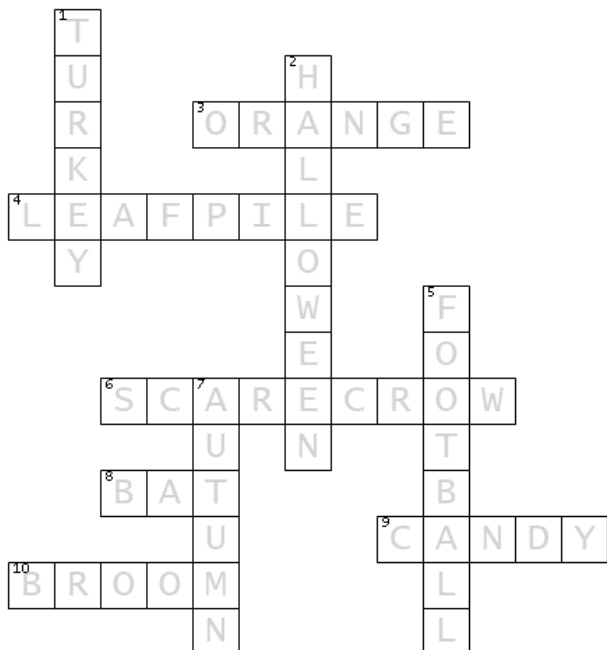
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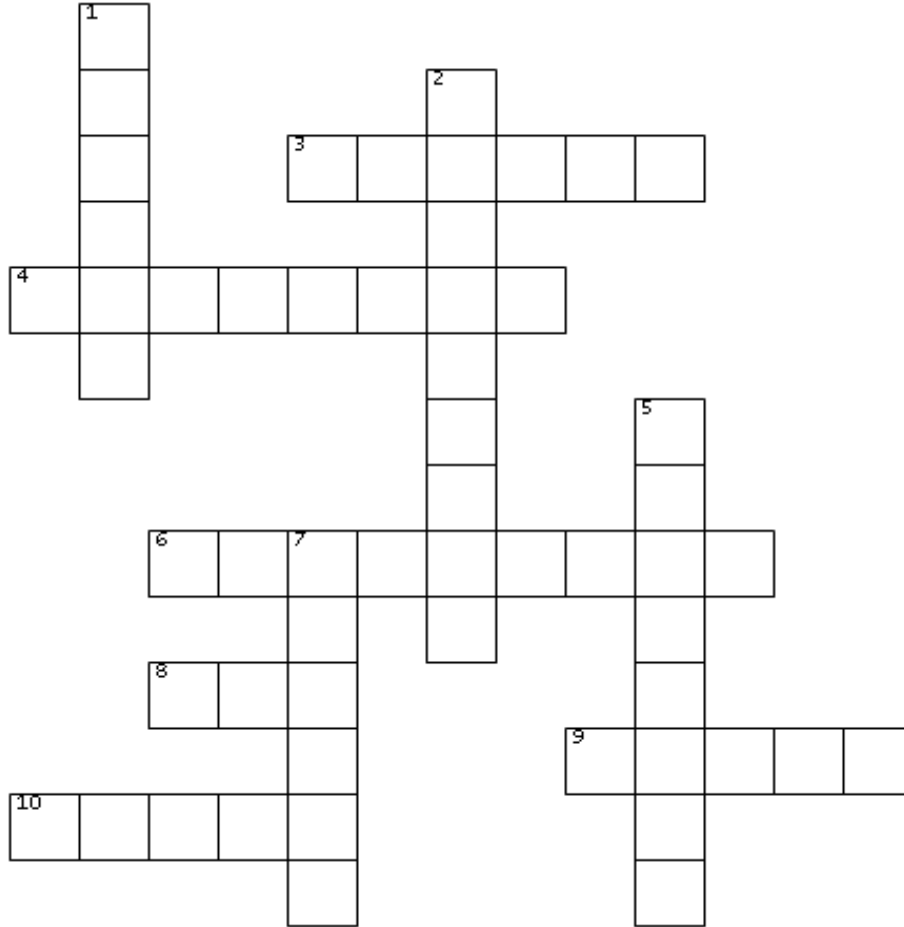
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Autumn Crossword



ACROSS

3. A main Halloween color
4. You rake up leaves and put them in one of these
6. Something farmers use to scare away crows from their crops
8. A small animal that flies around at night
9. The treat in trick or treat
10. A witch will fly around on one of these

DOWN

1. The main meat of Thanksgiving
2. An Autumn holiday
5. A fall sport
7. Another word for fall