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**February Kindness Challenge
By Peyton Zusmer**

The February Kindness Challenge, organized by Mrs. Hummel, started on January 17th and ended in early February. During this time, EIMS students and staff were challenged to purchase Valentine Grams (teddy bears) to be delivered on Valentine’s Day to other students and staff at the middle school. The Art Service Club made a banner for everyone to sign (see photo).



All the money raised from selling teddy bears (\$1,100) was used to buy toys for oncology patients at Cohen Children’s Medical Center in New Hyde Park, NY. These toys were delivered on February 6th by ELA teacher Mrs. Voss. Her son, Aiden (see photo), was a patient there 2 years ago and he is now in remission. East Islip students and staff continue to spread kindness throughout the school and community!

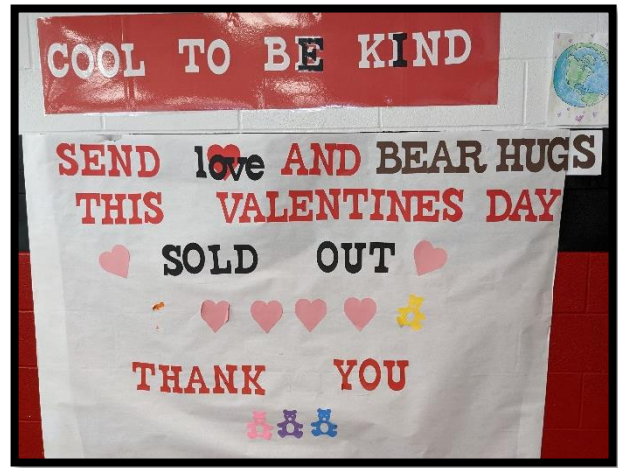


*Photos by Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Voss and Mrs. Avella
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February 2023 Kindness Challenge
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Photos by Mrs. Avella



PS I Love You Day
Friday, February 10, 2023

Students and staff wore purple to stand up against bullying. Mrs. Nolan sold bracelets for \$1.00 each on behalf of Student Government.

Photos by Mrs. Avella



A review of *Spider-Man PS4* and *Spiderman Miles Morales* By Griffin Byrne



In 2018, the gaming company Insomniac partnered with Sony to create one of the best games of the year. It was called Spider-Man and it was created for the PS4. In the game, you play as Spider-Man and you can swing around New York City, fight crimes, and complete the main focus of the game which is its storyline.

In the beginning of the game, you have been Spider-Man for 8 years and you are allied with the police chief, Yuri Watanabe, who becomes a villain named Wraith in the comics. You can listen in on the police chatter to know when and where crimes happen. On top of every police station throughout the map is a tower which you have to activate to partially unlock a section of the map. You can go around the entire map but if you want to view it from the pause and customization menu then you will have to do this unlock task. Eventually there will be conflict in the storyline and it will unlock more crimes and enemy bases in which you have to defeat 6 waves of enemies. At one point near the end, a side character named Miles Morales will get bitten by a spider. But this spider bite gives him much better powers than Spider-Man has.

In *Spider-Man Miles Morales*, you play as Miles Morales and you have multiple new powers which you discover throughout the game. One of these powers is invisibility which is very helpful in stealth situations. There are 2 opposing teams in this game and you have connections with one of their leaders. The other is in possession of something that is rapidly killing people. In the final battle, you have to defeat both teams.

If you have a PlayStation 4 or 5 you should consider getting these amazing games.

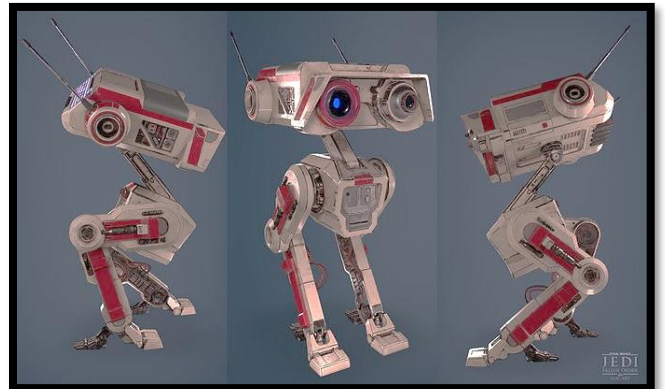
A review of *Jedi: Fallen Order* By Griffin Byrne

In 2019, a gaming company named Respawn Entertainment released *Jedi: Fallen Order*. In it, you play as the former Jedi Cal Kestis where you can traverse around different planets, fight enemies, and get into epic lightsaber fights.

The game starts on “Bracca,” the scrapyard planet where your friend is falling to his death, and you must use the force to save him. The Empire finds out and sends the Imperial Inquisitors to hunt you down. You escape on a ship with the other 2 main characters: Cere Junda and Greez Dritus.

You then go to the planet Bogano where you find the droid BD-1 (see photo below). He unlocks many different pathways and a holo-map. You journey through the galaxy while the Empire’s Imperial Inquisitors are chasing after you. There are a couple of boss battles along the way and the game ends with someone I am sure we are all familiar with coming into play.

This game is incredibly fun, and I highly recommend getting it if you have a PlayStation or an X-Box.



Breakfast of Champions

March 22, 2013

This breakfast was held to honor 7th grade students in our school who demonstrate great character.

A Person of Character...

- Knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do what is right, especially when no one is looking.
- Is a good person, someone other students look up to.
- Sets a good example for other children.
- Demonstrates a positive attitude.
- Shows respect, responsibility, and integrity.



Congratulations to the following 7th grade students:

Gabriel Acevedo, Kara Albertelli, Caroline Antunes, Anthony Castilletti, Lia Ciampi, Robert DiVisconti, Annelise Eichler, Chase Engel, Casey Flad, Kendel Gravano, Skylar Herrle, Sachin Kamath, Connor McIntee, Rowan Offner, Ryan Pasfield, Joshua Peckholdt, Maureen (MJ) Schweizer, Makayla Tardi, Brandon Vera and Angelina Zheng

Thank you to those members of our District Office Administration and Board of Education who attended the breakfast.

Photo below, left side:

Mr. Seifert, Mr. Harrison

Photo below, right side:

Mr. Manzo, Dr. O'Rourke, Mr. Ruland

Photos by Mr. Seifert and Mr. Fasolino



Review: *Mary Poppins JR*
By Daniel Kenedy

On February 4, 2023, I saw a show at East Islip MS that was practically perfect: *Mary Poppins JR*. Mary Poppins, played by Kendal Gravano, was a very believable British nanny. My favorite part was when everybody sang “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious” with hand gestures while singing.

Mrs. Brill, played by Angelina Altamirano, had an awesome performance. Another highlight was the birds flying around the auditorium during “Feed the Birds.” I also really enjoyed the “Jolly Holiday” song, sung by Bert who was played by Heath Affelt. The singing and dancing in this number was fantastic.

In my opinion, it was the most delightful show.

Director – Ms. Hearth

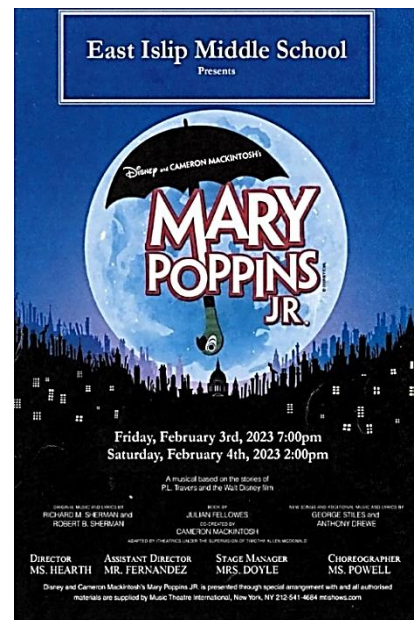
Assistant Director – Mr. Fernandez

Stage Manager – Mrs. Doyle

Choreographer - Ms. Powell

Photos by Mrs. Avella and Mrs. Doyle.

Group photo courtesy of Ms. Hearth.



Joke of the Day

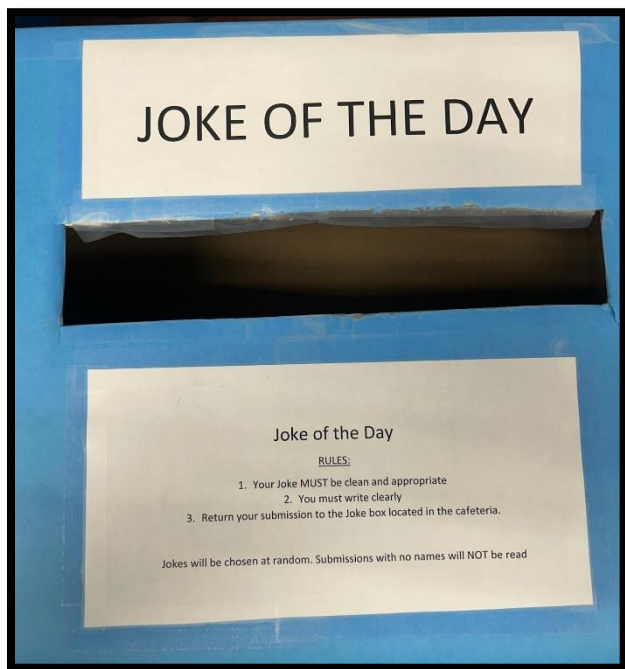
This year, our Main Office Staff came up with a great idea to add a chuckle to our day – the Joke of the Day. Listen for it daily during the homeroom announcements.

Joke of the Day Rules

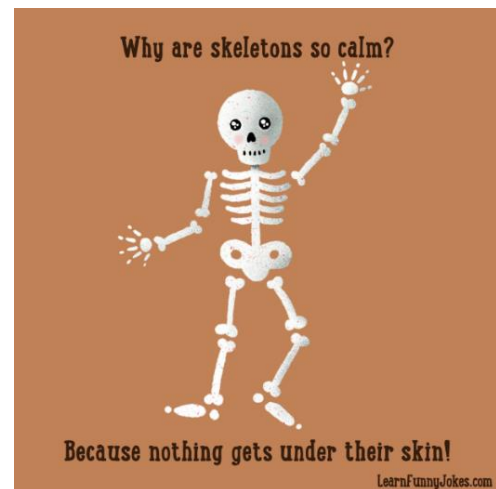
1. Your joke **MUST** be clean and appropriate
2. You must write clearly.
3. Return your submission to the joke box located in the cafeteria.

Jokes will be chosen at random. Submissions with no names will **NOT** be read.

Photo by Ms. Gieseler



This joke was read on
Friday, March 24, 2023.
Submitted by Sean Damian, 8th grader.



Winter Guessing Jar By Ace Green

The East Islip MS Student Government ran a guessing jar contest in January. There were 293 Hershey kisses in the jar. Kevin DeFilippis guessed super close! He guessed 295. Because he had the closest guess, he won a \$10 gift card and he got to keep ALL of that candy. Nice job Kevin!

Photo by Mrs. Avella





IS **SONIC**[™] **FRONTIERS** WORTH IT?

By Ryan Geraghty

Sonic Frontiers is the latest installment in the *Sonic the Hedgehog* series. In this game, you explore the Starfall Islands and go into a digital world called Cyberspace. You must travel through familiar locations to save your friends.



Sonic Frontiers also introduces a new combat mechanic. You can use a multitude of different attacks to take out your foes in traditional Sonic fashion.

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While the Starfall Islands look beautiful, they do not feel like a Sonic level without traditional loops, springs, corkscrews and more. Also, the game promises 5 islands, yet you only explore 3.



In the end, *Sonic Frontiers* is a great game, but it has some flaws. I would highly recommend the game to anyone who likes open world games, or a great Sonic experience. You can play the game on all systems listed below.



Album Review - *The Name Chapter: Temptation*

By Angelina Altamirano

Today I am going to be doing a review on Tomorrow X Together's new album, *The Name Chapter: Temptation*. The album was released on January 27, 2023. But before we review the album, I am going to give some background information on the group.

Who are Tomorrow X Together (pronounced Tomorrow by Together) or TXT? They are a K-pop boy band that debuted on March 4, 2019, with the mini album *The Dream Chapter: Star*. According to Bighit Music, the group's label: "TOMORROW X TOGETHER, is a bright and youthful boy band aiming to become the next global breakout artist." The group consists of five members: Soobin (the leader), Yeonjun, Beomgyu (the visual), Taehyun, and Huening Kai - the Maknae (youngest member). Now, let's review the album!

1. "Devil by the Window"- "Devil by the Window" kind of reminds me of "Eternally" because of the way it sounds. The end reminds me of parts of "Eternally" where the song totally switches moods.

Rating: 8.9/10

2. "Sugar Rush Ride"- I really like the rapidness and catchiness of the lyrics as well as the overall vibe of the song. This is a pop-like song, very on par for Tomorrow X Together because they make you want to dance. You can really tell that they made this song with the choreography in mind. The whole "lost at sea," wilderness and ethereal aesthetic of the video is what I enjoy most about this comeback. I especially like the choreography. It is very fast paced and fits with the song very well.

Rating: 9/10

3. "Happy Fools (featuring Coi Leray)"- It's also very upbeat but I wouldn't play it all the time. I didn't really like Coi's verse all that much, but I will say this - "Happy Fools" was better than other TXT collabs.

Rating: 7/10

4. "Tinnitus (Wanna be a Rock)"- This song is very catchy, from the instrumental all the way to the lyrics. It has a lot of African music tones in it as well. The promotion on their TikTok account for "Tinnitus" was insane because the members uploaded videos of them as rocks using the song.

Rating: 8/10

5. "Farewell Neverland"- The guitar in the beginning reminds me of "That's What I Want" by Lil Nas X. "Farewell Neverland" starts out very slow but throughout the song, it becomes more upbeat and very pop-like. I like how this song showcases the members' vocals.

Rating: 10/10

Conclusion: Was this album worth listening to? Yes, yes it was. I personally think that Yeonjun and Beomgyu owned this era because I really liked their concept photos for this comeback. I think that the ethereal woodland concept of this comeback suits TXT and I hope they do more comebacks like this in the future.

Total album rating: 13/10!!!!

Thanks for listening to me talk about a K-pop group that I really like. You should stream their album, *The Name Chapter: Temptation* and their single, "Sugar Rush Ride." Also, they are going on tour and are having a stop here on Long Island at Belmont Park in UBS Arena on May 9th and 10th and I really want to go!!!



Yeonjun and Soobin in TXT's
concept photo for
The Name Chapter: Temptation.

Photo credit: Bighit Music

The Top 10 Hardest Levels in *Geometry Dash*

By James Blaschuk

Hello! I love *Geometry Dash*, but people love to test the human limits. That's what I'm here to show you today.

Top 10- Arcturus- Arcturus was known for one of the hardest dual wave gimmicks. It was an old impossible level verified by MaxFS. There is not much interesting about this level.

Top 9- I'm not going to talk about it because it is extremely horrible.

Top 8- LIMBO-The HARDEST maze level ever created. Verified by BGRAM. This level is over 3 minutes long, so the concentration and skill needed is immense. At the end you have to play the shell game but there are 8 shells and you are also concentrating on a level at the same time. If you pick the wrong shell, you have to restart the whole level, and it doesn't help that it is always randomized.

Top 7- Firework- This is difficult, but I feel LIMBO is harder. Verified by Trick.

Top 6- Sakupen Circles- An extreme 58 second level that has frame-perfect timings and almost impossible wave corridors. This level should be Top 3, in my opinion. Verified by Diamond.

Top 5- Silent Clubstep- A very old impossible level that took 7 years to verify. This level is notorious for the invisible maze at the end. Verified by paqoe.

Top 4- Abyss Of Darkness- Uses the Death Note Dubstep remix song, and it surprisingly has not many fast parts. It is quite enjoyable, however it is 2 minutes long. Verified by Cursed.

Top 3- Kyouki- Japanese for "insanity." You can see why because the level is extremely difficult with fast and quick movements that seem impossible with its dark atmosphere. Verified by Demishio.

Top 2- Slaughterhouse- This is the most difficult wave level ever conceived. The fact that people can beat this is crazy. There is a dark and creepy atmosphere that makes the level look really hard. This level is one of my favorites. Verified by spaceuk.

Top 1- Acheron- This is made by the same person of the first extreme demon ever, as their name is Riot. The tight gaps make the level almost impossible. It is astonishing that it was verified. Verified by Zoink.

There you go. If you want to hear about upcoming levels harder than Acheron, let me know!

Thank you for reading! :)



The Sweetener Album By Ace Green



On August 17, 2018, Ariana Grande released her 4th studio album *Sweetener*. This album was a career changing album for Ariana. Not only was this album highly successful, it also changed her life. The album won Ariana her first ever Grammy Award. A lot of her fans love this album for its lyrics, songs, and music videos.

Sound

Sweetener is experimental with its sound. At times it can be fun and bouncy while other times it can have a serious and calmer sound. Take the song “Blazed” as an example. It is very upbeat and fun, and it is something that you are able to dance to, while another song like “Better Off” is more serious and calming.



Lyrics/Subject Matter

On May 22, 2017, a bomb went off at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester, England. It sadly killed 22 people and caused Ariana to go through depression and have a lot of anxiety.

Sweetener is about the process of healing and finding light after a not so good experience. On the final track on the album called “Get Well Soon”, there are 40 seconds of silence at the end to honor the victims of the bombing. In the song “Breathin” there is a lyric in which Ariana sings “Just keep breathin, breathin / And keep on breathin, breathin / I know I gotta keep on breathin”. Not all of the songs on the album are about sadness and healing. There are also many songs about love and feeling good. On the song “r.e.m.” Ariana sings “You’re such a dream to me.”

Album Cover

The *Sweetener* album cover has Ariana upside down with platinum blonde hair. The reason the album cover is upside down is because Ariana said that she felt upside down during the recording of *Sweetener*. This is also the first Ariana Grande album cover to have color. All her previous album covers were black and white.



Singles

The lead single off *Sweetener*, released April 20, 2018 was “No Tears Left to Cry.” The music video shows her upside down a lot trying to find gravity back to ground. The song won Best Pop at the 2018 MTV Video Music

Awards (VMAs). The second single, “God Is A Woman,” was released on July 13, 2018. The song was not actually about God - it was about feeling empowered and good. The video was highly creative and artistic. The song was nominated for a Grammy at the 2019 Grammy Awards. The final single for the album was “Breathin” and the video was released on October 10, 2018. The video had one of her most iconic moments which was her swinging in the clouds. There was also a promotional single released for the album which was the song “The Light Is Coming” featuring Nicki Minaj which was released on June 20, 2018.

Tour

The *Sweetener* World Tour ran from March to December of 2019. It was a combination of *Sweetener* and her 5th album *Thank U Next* which was released 5 months after *Sweetener* came out and received critical acclaim. All dates for her shows were sold out. A year after the tour ended Ariana released a Netflix documentary which gives a behind the scenes look at the tour.



Promotion

The promo for *Sweetener* was very big. She promoted the album through a lot of social media posts and interviews, including with Jimmy Fallon and Apple Music. She also had many performances including “Ariana Grande at the BBC.” She released her most popular perfume cloud in order to help promote the album and expand her fragrance line (which is worth \$1 billion).

Success/Awards

Sweetener debuted at #1 on the Billboard 200 chart. As previously mentioned, the album went on to win Ariana her first ever Grammy Award which led to new career opportunities. However, the era only lasted 7 months. There was supposed to be more music videos and more live performances. The era was as short as it was because Ariana was beginning her *Thank U Next* era.

Classical Music

By Danna Perez

As we all know, music is a huge part of this world and brings many people together. For many of us, music is our sixth sense. Our lives would be empty without wonderful melodies and harmonies to listen to during the day. Throughout the years, music has evolved into a tool for healing and self-expression.

The original creator of music remains unknown to many historians. No evidence can tell us exactly who sang the first song, whistled the first tune, or made the first beat. But, we all know that it began thousands of years ago. The origin of music is a mystery that still remains to be solved.

Who Influenced Classical Music?

Classical music was directly influenced by ancient Greek and Roman cultures and is strictly applied to music written between the 1750s and the 1820s, a period of classicism in art and architecture. It was first invented by musical composer Johann Sebastian Bach in the late 1750s. This era was a busy time for musical development. Composers and musicians were experimenting with new musical styles including the concerto, sonata, and opera. Composers wrote emotive and intense music inspired by nature, literature, and poetry.

Characteristics of classical music include:

- Single melody with an accompaniment: one voice carries the primary melody while another voice plays a simpler line that supports the melody
- A larger variety of keys, melodies, rhythms, and dynamics
- More contrast in a piece
- Shorter, clearer melodies than in Baroque music
- More emphasis on instrumental music
- Primary forms of composition: sonata, trio, string quartet, symphony, concerto

During the classical period, musical instruments were developed. The harpsichord was replaced by the piano, and clarinets, oboes, flutes, horns, and trumpets joined the strings to create a richer sound.

The orchestra is the most common group of instruments to play classical music. We always get to see the main four sections of instruments: woodwind, brass, percussion, and of course, strings. The violins are the primary string instrument of the orchestra.

Famous composers of the Classical Era

This short but rich era was when Mozart, Beethoven, Bach, Haydn, and Vivaldi composed famous pieces like Symphony No. 40, Fur Elise, Air on the G String, Trumpet Concerto, and the Four Seasons respectively, just to name a few.

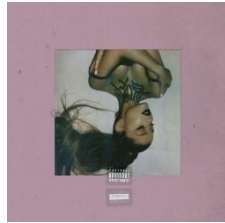
- Johann Sebastian Bach was referred to as “the father of classical music.” He was a German composer, known for his amazing talent in composing with string instruments, the keyboard, and the organ. His best-known compositions include the *Brandenburg Concertos*, the *Goldberg Variations*, and *Concerto for Two Violins in D minor*.
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart mastered the piano and was skilled with other instruments such as the violin. His talent and skill began at the age of five. Some of his best works are *The Magic Flute*, *The Marriage of Figaro*, and his well-known *Requiem*, which he wrote during his final days.
- Ludwig Van Beethoven is one of the best-known classical musicians. He was known for his skills at playing the harpsichord, clavichord, organ, violin, and viola.



Even though classical music started years ago, it isn't surprising that its styles and melodies remain alive over the years without losing popularity. This music is all around us - in restaurants, commercials, theaters, operas, movies, TV shows, and public education. It can also be used as a therapeutic tool. Over the centuries, classical music has transformed itself and become the main foundation, setting the framework for today's musicians of all types and genres.

The Thank U Next Album

By Ace Green



On February 8, 2019, Ariana Grande released her 5th studio album, *Thank U Next*. This is her most popular album to date. It helped mark Ariana as a pop icon and helped her fans see a need side of her that they had never seen before.

Sound

Thank U Next has a theme presented in the album so it would only make sense that the album sounds dark but not too dark. “Bad Idea” for example. The beat is very dark and edgy, and you can tell just by listening to the intro. The album sound is not all dark though. It can also be very fun more traditional pop sounding. For example, the song “Make Up”. It is light and has a fun beat that kind of reminds you of an ice cream truck. The album sort of jumps from a dark sound to a light sound here and there.



Lyrics/ Subject Matter

Before the recording of *Thank U Next*, Ariana was engaged to “Saturday Night Live” star Pete Davison (who inspired a lot of songs on her previous album *Sweetener*). Unfortunately, Mac Miller (Ariana’s ex and

one of her best friends) died of a drug overdose. Of course, Ariana did not take the news lightly and went into a depression. A lot of Mac’s fans were blaming her for his death which made everything worse for her. A lot of the album talks about the negative side of healing. Many fans call *Thank U Next* and *Sweetener* sister albums because *Sweetener* talks about the positive side of healing while *Thank U Next* talks about the negative side of healing. Ariana opens a new look into her life and how she feels. In the song “Needy” Ariana expresses how she feels insecure and how she needs emotional support and attention from someone. In the song “Ghostin,” she talks about feeling bad for someone you are with because you love someone else. This could be referring to her relationship with Pete Davison while she was also dealing with the passing of Mac Miller. The album is not all about

feeling sad. It is also about moving on and having your friends by your side. The title track “Thank U Next” is about Ariana being grateful for her past lovers and looking forward to a positive future. In the song “7 Rings,” Ariana talks about being rich and having fun with her friends by her side. (Fun fact: she bought 7 rings for herself and her 6 best friends.)

Singles

On November 3, 2018, the lead single and title track “Thank U Next” was released. It was Ariana’s first #1 on the Billboard 100 chart. Its iconic music video was released that month and broke records. On December



14, 2018, the promotional single “Imagine” was released. On January 18, 2019, the second single “7 Rings” was released and was her second #1 song on the Billboard 100 chart. The track received two Grammy nominations and its video won a VMA. It is also Ariana’s most streamed songs on Spotify at almost 2 billion streams. “Break Up with Your Girlfriend, I’m Bored” was released the same day the *Thank U Next* album released. It was the final single on the album. All three songs helped Ariana make history as they occupied the top 3 spots on the Billboard 100 chart. She was the first female artist and artist overall to do this since The Beatles in 1964.

Acclaim And Success

Billboard named *Thank U Next* as the #1 album of 2019. This was a big deal considering other big albums released that year by Taylor Swift and Billie Eilish. Rolling Stone also named *Thank U Next* the #1 album of 2019. It received 4 Grammy Nominations and helped Ariana break many records and helped her make history. It is also Ariana’s longest running album on the Billboard 200 chart. (Billboard 100 – songs, Billboard 200 - albums)

My Thoughts

Thank U Next is a well-done album. The production and the vocals on this album are just perfect. The lyrics really hit you and none of the songs are annoying and repetitive. My Favorite tracks on the album are “Bad Idea”, “Imagine”, “Ghostin”, “Make Up” and “Bloodline”. I give this album a 5/5.

Gods and Monsters

By Daniel Varley

Ever since DC's *Man of Steel* released all the way back in 2013, the DCEU has been in shambles, and hasn't quite been able to hold the spotlight. The DCEU (DC Extended Universe) is DC's own universe consisting of movies and shows, similar to the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe). Because of its lack of interconnection, it has never really been liked by DC fans. Now, that's going to change with the newly established DC Studios, led by James Gunn and Peter Safran. They plan to give the DCEU a reboot and turn it into the DCU (DC Universe).



With the release of *The Flash* this coming June, the DCEU will be rebooted into the DCU. Ezra Miller returns as The Flash one last time. Ben Affleck returns as the Batman of the DCEU, as well as Michael Keaton returning as Batman from his movie in 1989, *Batman*. The film is based on the Flashpoint comic book story from 2011, which in the end...rebooted the DC Universe. The film will follow The Flash attempting to save his family, but ends up altering the future, creating a timeline with no superheroes, in which The Flash must team up with an alternate version of himself, a Batman of another universe, and an imprisoned Kryptonian (Supergirl) to help reset the timeline and make an ultimate sacrifice.

At the end of January, James Gunn began to announce some of his slate of projects for Chapter 1 of the DCU, subtitled, "Gods and Monsters". He announced 10 projects including a new Superman movie that he's writing, called *Superman: Legacy*, which has a release date of July 11, 2025. He also announced how Batman will be introduced into the

DCU, in a new movie, *The Brave and the Bold*. It will introduce Batman, and his son Damian Wayne, who will be the Robin of the DCU. Gunn also confirmed that Ben Affleck will not return. Robert Pattinson, who played Batman in *The Batman* will not be DCU's Batman, but he will return in the sequel, *The Batman – Part II*, releasing on October 3, 2025.



Gunn announced a few more films as well including *The Authority*, *Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow*, and *Swamp Thing*, which don't have as many details available yet as the previous two films. He also announced a couple of series for HBO Max, including *Lanterns*, a series following Hal Jordan and John Stewart, two Green Lanterns as they uncover a dark mystery, and *Paradise Lost*, a series set in Themyscira. This city is the home of the Amazons and the birthplace of Wonder Woman, but the movie is set before she is born. More series announced included *Creature Commandos*, a show James Gunn wrote about a black ops team made from monstrous prisoners and *Waller*, a show that features Team Peacemaker, and stars Amanda Waller, who eventually creates the Creature Commandos. The final series announced was *Booster Gold*, which is about a superhero who uses basic technology from the future to pretend to be a superhero in the present.

The plan for the DCU may still be crafting as we speak, but this now unified universe to expand across movies, animation and gaming is just getting started.

Memes that changed a generation: All's Fair In Memes

By Peter Gernand

Salutations, fellow comrades, and welcome back to another section of meme explanations, brought to you by your go-to for the most popular and widely used memes, Peter Gernand! I was trying to think of a large bucketload of fresh memes, but not enough were coming in to make one giant issue of them all. So today, in this issue of "Memes That Changed a Generation," I decided to go all out and review many different memes from many different time periods, including those from movies, images, names, you name it! And with that, with no further ado, let's review some memes!

The first meme I want to share with you today is actually a very famous meme name. I'm pretty sure anyone who's been on TikTok, Facebook, etc., knows what a 'Karen' is. I'm referring to those people you see in front of the paying line at some shopping/food chain like Walmart, or Dunkin' Donuts having a boisterous argument with an employee in front of literally everyone in the building. These types of people may get quite aggressive, and they may state many things in their argument, which is often about something silly or insignificant. Examples include the waiter giving them four ketchup packets for their french fries instead of five or having one whole salmon in the seafood section in the grocery store, even though they carry a ton of other salmon-related products. However, the most famous line a Karen could say is, "I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOUR MANAGER!" This line is easily one of the most iconic lines among meme content creators, with people thinking of that particular Karen quote whenever they see a meme of a grocery store or a fast-food chain. Semi-fortunately for the employees involved in these quarrels, there is a specific outlook a Karen carries whenever they walk into one of these places. They usually acquire a blonde, semi-long hair look with sunglasses, a new Gucci bag, and they are usually talking on the latest iPhone as they walk into the facility. The Karen meme was a highly popular meme in general and is one of the most famous stereotypes of a person today.

The next meme I want to talk about today is a highly iconic meme from the incredibly famous movie series, *Star Wars*. The meme occurs in the death scene of one of the series' characters who was a 'good guy' at first, however he turned into a villain. Anakin Skywalker was fighting one of the series' protagonists, Obi Wan Kenobi with their UltraHD LED Light Sabers, when Obi Wan suddenly goes to a higher elevation inside the planet Mustafar. In the Duel of Mustafar, they were fighting and then Obi Wan prepares himself for the climax of the fight, and then famously states, "It's over Anakin, I have the high ground!" Despite the fact that Anakin has remaining, but dwindling confidence by weakly stating, "You underestimate my power", he then slowly gets knocked by Obi Wan into a flowing river of lava that Anakin was closer to because he unfortunately received the 'low ground'. This famous *Star Wars* meme has evolved in many ways throughout the years, including it getting remade into animations, remakes, and even different types of vines. This meme could be used to express a clear advantage one may have over another in a brawl, or just someone in general having the 'high ground'.



The continuing meme I want to discuss with you is a famous meme when something terrible happens but you semi-sociopathically don't mind about the tragedy unfolding directly behind you, and even forcing a little smirk out of you. This is the meme of the famous 'Disaster Girl'. In the famed meme image, there is a burning house in the background with firefighters attempting to extinguish the fire, and they are all like "Is everybody out of the house?" or the poor family the house belonged to asking, "How much will the repairs cost?"

However, in the front of the image, we witness the young Disaster Girl looking directly at the camera with the tragedy perfectly captured in the background. The girl has a petite smirk decorated on her facial features, almost as if she had wished bad will upon one of the people in the house, or maybe even started the fire. This meme received the girl fame and well-known recognition throughout the world for her terrifying but hilarious reaction. This meme has been utilized in many different scenarios with different events, people, etc. It is still widely used today and is now one of the most popular memes of all time by meme standards. You could use this meme for expressing your feelings of something bad happening, but not really, or foreshadowing someone's actions through the smirking reaction to the looming disaster that was represented by the blazing house fire.

The final meme I want to discuss with you all is the meme and background of the famous iPhone app, Duolingo, and its infamous Duolingo Bird. Duolingo is an app that can be utilized if you want to learn a certain language for example, like French (no, this article's not sponsored by the Duolingo bird). If you don't successfully complete a lesson, you get a notification on your device that states in almost an oddly threatening manner, "Looks like you missed your Spanish lesson today. You know what that means." People witnessed this happening and took it to the extremes. There are massively different varieties of the Duolingo Bird meme. One example is another notification under the Duolingo notification stating, "ADT Alert Center: Intruder

Alert at Back Door. Lock all doors and windows and call 911 as quickly as possible." Another example is a person in a costume of the Duolingo Bird himself saying something that is threatening in a silly sort of manner, which this saying usually rhymes, like "Learn Spanish or you will be banished." These kinds of sayings spread quickly throughout the Internet, and some memes are darker than others, meaning they are a little more unsettling and disturbing than the average goofy meme. Furthermore, thanks to the major recognition that the Duolingo Bird has received for the memes, it has become one of the most popular language learning sites on the planet by today's standards.

There is one thing for sure however, that there will be no other app that will ever be invented quite as helpful, but as disturbingly funny as Duolingo. The Duolingo Bird Meme could be used to force someone into learning a new language, or just to spread recognition about the app, which is like I said before, most certainly well known among the average human being.

And with that, your meme expert Peter Gernand is signing off for the day, however I will be returning with more funny memes from the newest year to inform all of you about the latest and most popular memes that are taking the Internet world by storm. I will make sure to inform you about all these memes when I return with another meme article in June when I hop back into my office chair and start writing. Have an excellent 2023 year by yours truly, Peter Gernand, and may your life be filled with memes!



Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe

By Cailin Melody



Ingredients;

- 8 ounces unsalted butter (2 sticks; 225g)
- 1 standard ice cube (about 2 tablespoons; 30mL frozen water)
- 10 ounces all-purpose flour (about 2 cups; 280g)
- 3/4 teaspoon (3g) baking soda
- 2 teaspoons Diamond Crystal kosher salt or 1 teaspoon table salt (4g)
- 5 ounces granulated sugar (about 3/4 cup; 140g)
- 2 large eggs (100g)
- 2 teaspoons (10mL) vanilla extract
- 5 ounces dark brown sugar (about 1/2 tightly packed cup plus 2 tablespoons; 140g)
- 8 ounces (225g) semisweet chocolate, roughly chopped with a knife into 1/2- to 1/4-inch chunks
- Coarse sea salt, for garnish

NOTE: The ingredients in this recipe are to be measured by weight but there are approximate cup measurements included that you can use. Also, the dough needs to be refrigerated overnight.

Directions;

1. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over medium-high heat. Cook, gently swirling pan constantly, until particles begin to turn golden brown and butter smells nutty, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and continue swirling the pan until the butter is a rich brown, about 15 seconds longer. Transfer to a medium bowl, whisk in ice cube, transfer to refrigerator, and allow to cool completely, about 20 minutes, whisking occasionally. (Alternatively, whisk over an ice bath to hasten the process.)
2. Meanwhile, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt in a large bowl. Place granulated sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment. Whisk on medium-high speed until mixture is pale brownish-yellow and falls off the whisk in thick ribbons when lifted, about 5 minutes.
3. Fit paddle attachment onto mixer. When brown butter mixture has cooled (it should be just starting to turn opaque again and firm around the edges), add brown sugar and cooled brown butter to egg mixture in stand mixer. Mix on medium speed to combine, about 15 seconds. Add flour mixture and mix on low speed until just barely combined, with some dry flour still remaining, about 15 seconds. Add chocolate and mix on low speed until dough comes together, about 15 seconds longer. ***Transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate dough at least overnight and up to 3 days.***
4. When ready to bake, adjust oven racks to upper- and lower-middle positions and preheat oven to 325°F. Using a 1-ounce ice cream scoop or a spoon, place scoops of cookie dough onto a nonstick or parchment-lined baking sheet. Each ball should measure approximately 3 tablespoons in volume, and you should be able to fit 6 to 8 balls on each sheet. Tear each ball in half to reveal a rougher surface, then stick them back together with the rough sides facing outward. Transfer to oven and bake until golden brown around edges but still soft, 13 to 16 minutes, rotating pans back to front and top to bottom halfway through baking.
5. Remove baking sheets from oven. While cookies are still hot, sprinkle very lightly with coarse salt and gently press salt down to embed. Let cool for 2 minutes, then transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 for remaining cookie dough. Allow cookies to cool completely before storing in an airtight container, plastic bag, or cookie jar at room temperature for up to 5 days.

Reviews:

- My parents and siblings really liked this, one of their favorites.
- I brought these to a party and somebody told me these are some of the best cookies ever.

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Mini Cheesecake Recipe

By Madelyn Halter

Ingredients:

The Base:

- 1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs (about 6-8 crackers)
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted

The Cheese Filling

- 1 stick cream cheese, full fat (8 oz)
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 ½ tbsp all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup sour cream

The Strawberry Topping

- 1 tbsp cornstarch
- 3 tbsp warm water
- 1 lb of strawberries, hulled and halved (if using frozen, don't thaw)
- lemon juice
- ¼ cup granulated sugar



Base: Using a food processor, blend graham crackers into a fine mixture. Pour into a bowl and add the melted butter. Mix well. Divide evenly into 12 cupcake liners in a cupcake pan. Using a spoon, press the mixture tightly and evenly. Set aside.

Cheese Filling: Using a low speed in a stand mixer, mix cream cheese until just creamy. While mixing, gradually add in sugar. Then add in eggs, one at a time, mixing just until well combined. Add in vanilla extract, lemon juice, and flour and mix until just combined. Add in sour cream and mix everything together.

Divide the cheesecake filling evenly into prepared cupcake pan. Gently shake the pan to make the surface flat. Bake in a preheated oven at 320 degrees on 2/3 lower rack for 15 minutes or until the center looks not as set as the outside. Remove from the oven to cool to room temperature in the pan. Place cheesecakes in the fridge.

Topping: In a small bowl, whisk the cornstarch and water together with a fork until the cornstarch dissolves. Place the cornstarch mixture, along with the rest of the ingredients into a small saucepan over medium heat. Using a wooden spoon or rubber spatula, stir the mixture as it cooks. Break up some strawberries as you stir. Bring it to a simmer and allow to simmer for 5 minutes. Remove pan from the heat and allow it to cool. The mixture will thicken as it cools.

Serve strawberry topping over cheesecakes.

Review - These cheesecakes are good and very easy to make! I would recommend them for a quick snack or a dessert for the family!

A Local Bite By Peyton Zusmer

The Hometown Café is a local café in East Islip that has many options for breakfast and lunch. When you first walk in, you will see a cozy café. After waiting a short amount of time, you are seated and given a menu. Their menu consists of pancakes, waffles, omelets, sandwiches, side dishes, and drinks. I usually order the Oreo Pancakes with a milkshake.

Their food is very tasty but also very filling. So, when you go there, expect to leave very full. They have big pancakes that you can choose to have plain, with chocolate chips, Oreos, and more. Their side dishes consist of sausages, bacon, fries, and home fries. Some of their drinks are egg creams, milkshakes, hot chocolate, and juices. I usually do not order eggs, but they have spinach omelets, western omelets, and omelet specials. It is a local business that has been around for a long time and all the people that work there are very nice.

If you want to get a delicious breakfast or lunch, I recommend you go to Hometown Café! For more info, visit their website: <https://hometowncafee.com/>

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Spring Double Puzzle

By Aubrey Hilbert

(Answers on p. 19)

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