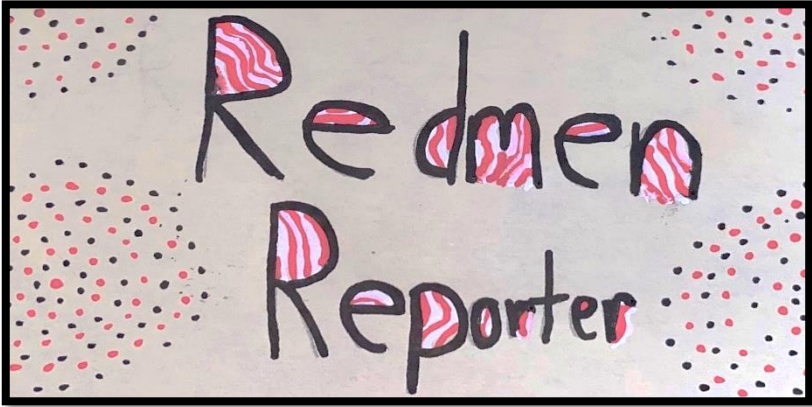


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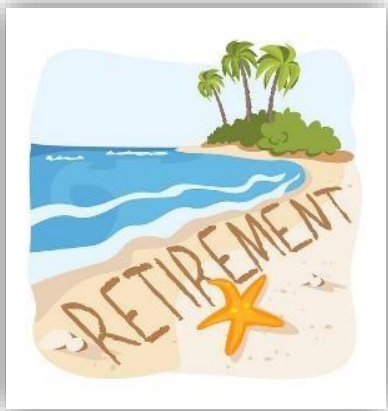
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**Enjoy your retirement!**  
The Redmen Reporter would like to salute these 9 staff members who are retiring after many years of dedication to our East Islip community. Thank you for working hard and making a difference in the lives of so many students. We will miss you!  
*Congratulations!*



*Mrs. Glueckert*  
Office Assistant-  
Main Office  
21 years at EIMS  
*Future plans:*  
camping, reading, beach,  
spending time with  
grandchildren



*Mrs. Gulinello*  
Certified Teaching Assistant  
Over 30 years in East Islip  
3 years total at EIMS  
Also worked at CES, TPES, EIHS  
*Future plans:*  
To be a "snowbird" - winters in  
Florida, spring/summer in NY,  
spend lots of time with  
grandchildren

*Mrs. O'Connell*  
Special Education Teacher  
34 years in East Islip  
20 years at EIMS  
Also worked at RCK, JFK, EIHS  
*Future plans:*  
spend time with family and  
friends and travel



*Mrs. Weller*  
*(Class of 2020)*  
Art Teacher  
33 years in East Islip  
10 years at EIMS  
Also worked at RCK, EIHS  
*Future plans:*  
traveling, gardening and  
spending time with family  
and friends

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*Mrs. Finger*

Office Assistant-Guidance

26 years in East Islip

Over 20 years at the MS

Also worked at TPES, DO

*Future plans:*

looking forward to spending time with my grandson while waiting for more grandchildren, traveling, crafting



*Mrs. Rocco*

Office Assistant-Guidance

21 years at EIMS

*Future plans:*

travel, spend time with grandchildren

*Mrs. Kline*

Science Teacher

20 years in East Islip

*Future plans:*

anything but lesson plans!  
pickleball, biking, reading (and maybe some writing), gardening, baking, beekeeping, coffee roasting (my list is endless),  
KEEP LEARNING/TAKING CLASSES



*Mrs. Collins*

Music Teacher

33 years in East Islip

17 years at the MS

Also worked at RCK, JFK

*Future plans:*

travel, playing with grandchildren



*Mrs. Fischer*

Music Teacher

36 years in East Islip

17 years full-time at the MS

Split MS/HS before that

*Future plans:*

lots of golf, fun with family and the dogs, relaxing in the sun on a beach as often as possible

## An Interview With John V. Dolan, Superintendent of Schools By Reese Sinkevich and Madelyn Halter



Redmen Reporter staff members interviewed Mr. Dolan on April 19, 2021 to get his view on the school year. This interview is all about changes with the pandemic in the spotlight. The interview will give you opinions and advice from Mr. Dolan. The reason we wanted to interview him is because with this tough year almost behind us, we could all use a little advice and a positive point of view, something that is one of Mr. Dolan's strong suits.

### **1 - It has been a whirlwind of a school year. How did you cope with the constant changes?**

Each school year is a whirlwind. Schools are places where students come to have their curiosity challenged and have their thoughts, ideas and minds mature. When learning takes place, progress is made, and progress cannot be made without change.

The COVID pandemic did create a constant stream of change. The winds of the whirlwind did blow a little stronger than usual. To cope with these changes, I did my best to listen carefully, to listen with my mind and my heart with as much empathy as possible. I sought the advice and input from a wide variety of people and took deep breaths as I listened to them.

### **2 - Overall, you had to make many decisions. Were you happy with these decisions? Were there any decisions you made that you are unhappy with?**

It is very hard to judge decisions in the moment. Each decision that was made came after input from appropriate groups or people, careful thought and consideration and with an eye towards moving forward. After decisions were made, we evaluated the progress and made changes and adjustments as necessary. History will decide if the decisions that were made were good or not. As I always do, we will look back on the year to assess and reflect upon the decisions that were made. There will be things that we are proud of and there will be things that we learn from this self-reflecting that will make us stronger moving forward.

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**3 - The EIMS has had a very small COVID-19 positivity rate throughout the school year. What were some key decisions you made that you think kept that rate low?**

Before I answer this, please knock on wood. There was no decision made that kept the positivity rates low. What kept the positivity rates low were the good decisions made by the students, teachers, support staff, parents, and the community. We decided early on to do our best to remain supportive and encourage people to make good choices. It was the good choices of the entire East Islip community that has contributed to our ability to reopen schools and stay open. For that I am truly grateful and thank everyone for making sacrifices.

**4 - What is your general overview of this school year: thumbs up, thumbs down, or somewhere in the middle? And why?**

My overview of the school year is a definitive thumbs up. My heart goes out to everyone who has lost a loved one, to all the people who have suffered during this year. The reason I say “thumbs up” is because the best way to honor those we have lost or people who have been hurt is by remaining positive and building towards recovery and ultimately a better world for all.

Everyone has been affected by COVID. As we move closer and closer to a post-COVID world, people are beginning to realize just how strong they are as individuals but more importantly, just how much stronger we can be when we pull together to meet the challenges that life throws at us.

**5 - For next school year, are we going to continue to use Google Classroom? Will we need to wear masks?**

We will continue to use our 1:1 devices and Google Classroom. I trust the teachers and administrators will work together as we evolve the delivery of instruction. My hope is in the years to come, students will be exposed to different platforms. Digital learning is here to stay. Once again, I trust that the teachers and administrators will work together to find just the right recipe for learning. One thing we will never waver from is we want our students in our schools with the adults who guide them, inspire them and serve as role models. As far as wearing masks, we will follow the direction of the Department of Health.

**6 - Is there anything you would like to say to the East Islip Middle School? Any comments?**

A big thanks to everyone for working together so we can be back in school. I am deeply appreciative of all the efforts and sacrifices that you have made. Your hard work, your enthusiasm and great smiles are what is fueling our recovery.

Well, that was the interview. We would like to thank Mr. Dolan for his time and Mrs. Avella for setting everything up. So much planning went into this and everything came out perfect. We couldn't have asked for a better interview. We are hoping next year is more of a “normal” year. Have a great day!

*Thank you to Stephanie Parker, Senior Stenographer, for typing up the notes from this interview!*

## Flower Power! By Arianna Rodriguez

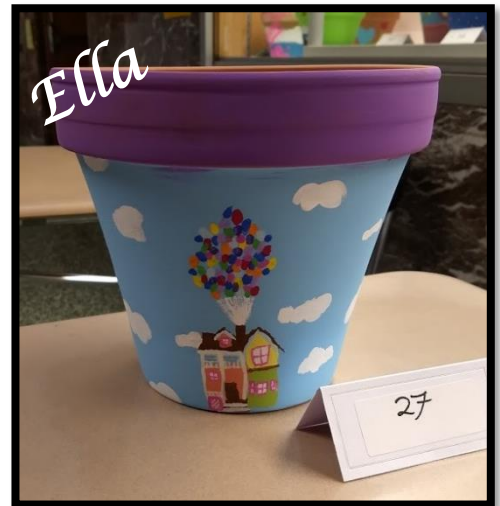
If you went to this event, you would know that the Flowerpot Decorating activity was held on the 21st of April. It took place after school in the cafeteria, hosted by Mrs. Nolan and Student Government. We also had some high school students helping out!

There were some beautiful designs on flowerpots! There were all different kinds of inspiration and ideas that helped to put it all together. The designs were judged in different categories by staff members. These are the winners:

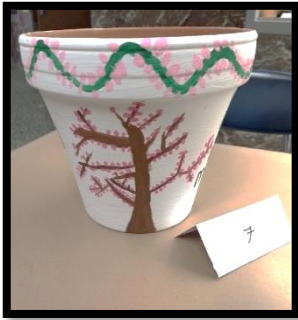
Overall Appearance ..... #27, Ella Tantillo  
Most Original Idea ..... #22, Zeynep Oztas  
Mom's Favorite ..... #18, Lana Mollica

They each won a \$10 gift card for themselves as well as a \$10 gift card for Mom. It was a job well done by all who participated!

*Photos by Arianna Rodriguez, Paige Mathers and Mrs. Avella*



*See page 6 for more photos.  
Read this issue online to see  
the designs in color!*



Flowerpot  
decorating  
Contest  
May 19, 2021



## 1972 Volkswagen Super Beetle By Joseph Micalizzi



My family owns a classic car, a 1972 Volkswagen Super Beetle. This car has a 4-cylinder, 60 horsepower air cooled engine which is mounted in the rear of the car. Because it is air cooled, there is no radiator or coolant. It relies on a huge fan behind the engine to stay cool. It also has a 4-speed manual transmission and roll down windows. There is no power steering or air conditioning.

My Dad and I belong to a Volkswagen Club and we participate in the Islip Town Christmas parade. We decorate the car with Christmas lights and a wreath as we drive it in the parade. The car is really fun, and I enjoy driving it around town with my Dad.



*Photos by the Micalizzi family*

## Why you should play Apex Legends By Adam Menendez

As of late, my favorite video game has been Apex Legends. Imagine a wide variety of characters as seen in **Overwatch**, with the graphics of **COD**, and located on several **Fortnite**-like battle royale maps. That's **Apex**.

When you ready up for a match, it'll pair you up with two other teammates and you pick your character. There are currently sixteen of them (they add more every season), each with different balanced abilities that you can get creative with. After you pick your character, you and your team jump off the dropship and land at a certain location. You loot up and eliminate other squads until there is only one left alive.

There are two things that set **Apex** apart from other battle royale games. Those two things are the movement, and the character abilities. The first one might need some explaining. In **Apex**, there's this satisfying slide that you can do when you crouch while running that will make you go faster for a second. Also, each character has a different hitbox and expressive animations that are unique to each of them. These two things let you do many creative things with the movement in this game like travelling the map at high speeds and literally dodging bullets.

The second thing that makes **Apex** unique is the character abilities. This one is less in general, so I'll use one character as an example. Pathfinder is a friendly robot who can shoot grapples to get somewhere fast. But traveling in a straight line is not his strong suit. When he changes the angle of his flight midair, he can fly past the object he is grappled to and gain a lot of ground. This is super helpful in a tight spot and gets more helpful the more creative you are with it.

These things, in my opinion, make **Apex** a unique and fun experience that you should try out if you find yourself with some free time (it's free to play). Thanks for your time.

## The Creative Writing Process I Use

### By Sally Attard

To start off the intro, I want to say that there is such a beautiful aspect to writing and, the word choices can interest me so easily. It is a matter of the words you, as a writer choose in each context, and a matter of the order. When you are a writer, then you'd like to write, of course. There are many techniques in writing, and many books on that. Just in case you can't find a book, I'm going to give a short description of my writing process.

First off, what I do is create a setting. The setting isn't the most important thing to have in a story, though it'll lead you into what you're writing about next. The setting can be whatever you want, since there are no limits in creative writing. For example, I have created a universe with multiple worlds, each of the worlds having different themes and different climates. They have different vibes, or personalities, each of the vibes/personalities being my own at certain times.

Abbie Emmons is a YouTuber I watch for advice on writing. She claims that the most important thing in a story is a character. It is like the water you would need when stranded on an island. That is a good segue into the next thing I do when I start writing.

After I create a setting, I have to get a good idea of where and when the characters' backstories will take place. A large portion of time spent when creating a character, for me, is coming up with a name and going on baby names websites. The next thing you should do is put yourself in this character's shoes. You must create this character's personality, and by doing so, you need to explain why these characters act in the way they do. The backstory can involve things like the lack of parental figures, getting bullied or being taught to steal at a young age. The way that the parent acts to the kid reflects onto that kid. And sometimes, the parent can be distant in order to reflect on the child's mindset. This can affect the child both positively and negatively.

Now that you have the setting and characters, you will have to create a plot, meaning you will plan how the characters act towards each other. A large part of that would be including how people on drastically different ends of the bell curve would act towards each other, like a Scorpio and a Taurus for example. These people can be completely distant from each other with small moments where they mention one another, for example.

People, in my opinion, will cause most of the conflicts that the characters face. Conflicts can include conflicts with self, conflicts with others, conflicts with nature and conflicts with the supernatural. You can add them all together, combining them, depending on what you are going for when writing.

You can write skits to influence the plot in some way, for sure, having no idea where it will take you. This can give some examples of what possibly could happen. But what I have also tried is writing the plot down in advance, so I do both. For me, I write without dialogue, basically stating what the characters do or think. The only time I would include dialogue would be if I want to add in a line my character can say specifically. During the writing of the plot, there is always a way that you can include additional characters to add on to the conflict, or just support your main character or protagonist.

There are no limits to what you can write about, and I want to make sure that you, the reader, knows that. I am just giving a general idea of how I write, and it is fine if you write differently. By writing this article, I'm hoping that you can see a way that a writer, like me, writes. Maybe it can influence the way you use the element of creative writing, maybe not. Everyone's writing will be different, and the variation counts in all ways, contributing to creative writing.





## A Renaissance Update from Mrs. Finnegan:

All Renaissance students receive coupons to Panera Bread (free cookie), Applebee's (free dessert) and a small reward such as an ID holder, pen or pencil. They also receive discounts from local merchants. All students have the opportunity to win raffle prizes from local merchants. There are 30 - 40 prize winners each quarter. All requirements for Renaissance are posted in student agendas.

*We would like to thank these local businesses for their donations this year:*

Mary's Pizza and Pasta - Islip Terrace

Gio's Pizza - East Islip

Bubba's Burrito Bar - Islip

Sobol - East Islip

Francesco's Trattoria - East Islip

Dance Arts Development Center - East Islip

East Islip Lanes - East Islip

Albrecht, Bruno & O'Shea Funeral Home - East Islip

Long Island Ducks

Panera Bread

Applebee's

*Congratulations to Abby Buonincontri, 6<sup>th</sup> Grader. She is the Grand Prize Winner of the Renaissance raffle contest!*

She won a Ducks promotional pack: signed baseball, team photo, Duck's beach towel, Duck's baseball and magnet, Quacker Jack Lego and quacker, plus more surprises.



## School News By Reese Sinkevich



### Goodbye forks and spoons

In the school lunchroom this year, there are no more spoons and forks. They now have sporks to substitute for spoons and forks! It comes in a package with a napkin and a small straw.

Plastic utensils are individually wrapped this year due to COVID. In the past, they were placed out in bunches for students to take. The wrapping helps to keep things germ-free.

We asked students their opinions of the sporks and many are not fans. It works fine as a spoon but not so good as a fork.

*Editor's note:* as of late May 2021, forks and spoons have made a reappearance in the cafeteria.

### Fall sports now spring sports

Due to COVID-19, fall sports have been postponed to spring. These sports include cross country, soccer, field hockey, girls' tennis and football. Spring sports are also running now with a shortened season: baseball, softball, lacrosse, boys' tennis and track.

### Movie Trivia

Congratulations to the winners of the **Karate Kid** trivia game. This game was played at the Student Government Movie Afternoon on May 19, 2021. Each winner received a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts gift card:

Kendyl Corcoran  
Florence Gonzalez  
TessaRose Orgera  
Reese Sinkevich

## Poster Contest

Congratulations to **Angelena Smith**, 6<sup>th</sup> grader. She won First Place in the Town of Islip Virtual Earth Day Poster Contest (grade 5-8 category). She received a Nook tablet and the school was awarded a \$250 gift card to Barnes and Noble. Angelena is pictured below with art teacher, Mrs. Taylor.



## Cast List

### **Introduction:** Mother Goose

- Mother Goose- Paige Mathers
- Kids-
  - Kid #1: Caylee Smith
  - Kid #2: Sarah Buonincontri

### **Skit #1:** Wolf at the Door

- Little Red- Emily Mooney
- Big Bad Wolf- Shay O'Keefe
- Granny- Olivia LaBella
- Onstar- Zoe Zilberstein

### **Skit #2:** Fairest

- Maleficent- Brianna O'Connor
- Magic Mirror- Caylee Smith
- iPhone- Audrey Ammenwerth

### **Skit #3:** Dragon Slayer

- Adora- Audrey Ammenwerth
- Phillip- Oliver Rivadeneyra

### **Skit #4:** Just Right

- Operator- Erin Fredrickson
- Goldilocks- Caylee Smith
- Baby Bear- Madison McNamee

### **Skit #5:** Thorns

- Specialist- Sara Pepp
- Androcles- Gabrielle Toles

### **Skit #6:** Until We Meet Again

- Girl- Amanda Bolen
- Man- Paige Mathers

### **Skit #7:** Tortoise and the Hare

- Tortoise- Maddie Moriarty
- Hare- Katelyn Trifaro

### **Skit #8:** Jack & Jill: Airpod Spill

- Jac- Orlando Rivera
- Jill- Abby Buonincontri
- Narrator- Claire Schmalenberger

### **Skit #9:** Three Little Pig Gamers

- Jamie Pig- Brooke Doscher
- Jenny Pig- Sarah Buonincontri
- Jilly Pig- Sage Lyons
- Mama Pig- Paige Mathers

### **Closer:** Mother Goose's Goodbye

- Mother Goose- Paige Mathers
- Kids:
  - Caylee Smith
  - Abby Buonincontri
  - Sarah Buonincontri
  - Brooke Doscher
  - Zoe Zilberstein

## Middle School Play 2021: Virtually Ever After and Modern Fairy Tales

Congratulations to all students who were involved in our virtual play this year. Bravo!

Director: Ms. Tripi

Asst. Director: Mrs. Doyle

It is still available to watch at this link:

<https://youtu.be/YObtt3qk80U>



Screenshot above by Ms. Tripi

Poster made by the Art Service Club

# NEW MCFLURRY!!!!

By Reese Sinkevich

Admit it, we've all had a McFlurry at some point in our lifetime. Lucky for everyone, there is a new flavor, caramel brownie (over vanilla soft serve). McDonald's gave out free McFlurries for this new flavor on May 4, 2021. They wanted to apologize to those who always thought the spoon was a straw (it's not).

I interviewed Redmen Reporter advisor Mrs. Avella to see what she thought about the taste, texture, and overall goodness of the new McFlurry.

**1 - What's your number of stars for the new flavor of McFlurry:**

4/5 stars

**2 - Why did you pick this rating?**

It was delicious BUT, the caramel and brownie chunks were only on the top of the McFlurry. There was just vanilla ice cream on the bottom.

**3 - What was your favorite part about the McFlurry?**

The big brownie chunks.

**4 - Your least favorite?**

THE BOTTOM

Visit their website for more information:

[McDonald's](https://www.mcdonalds.com)



Photo by Mrs. Avella

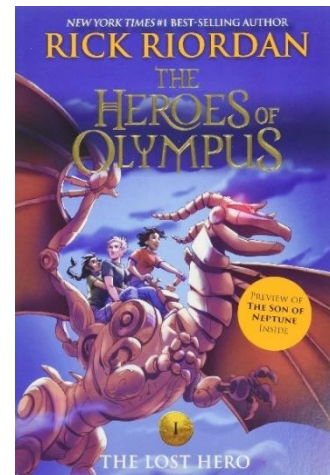
## Book Recommendation: "The Heroes of Olympus" By Adam Menendez

One of my favorite book series is "The Heroes of Olympus" by Rick Riordan. It takes place in the same timeline of events as his earlier series "Percy Jackson & The Olympians" after the main story is over.

The new main character of the first book (**The Lost Hero**) is Jason. He wakes up at the beginning of the book on a school bus full of kids he doesn't know, with no idea how he got there. He can't remember anything prior to waking up. Jason and his two friends, who also seem to have their memory altered, get caught up in fighting a bunch of Greek monsters, gods, and giants, and it's revealed that the Roman gods have also been causing trouble.

Throughout the series, mysteries are solved and new problems come up. New characters are introduced, and old characters reappear. And it ends with room for a sequel series (which is already out - "The Trials of Apollo").

If you like action and adventure, then definitely give "The Heroes of Olympus" a try.



## The Slow Loris

By Jessica Leek

The slow loris is a nocturnal primate that is found in many regions of Asia. They have round heads, narrow snouts, very large eyes and distinct color patterns which differ with each species. Their arms and legs are almost the same length, and they have a flexible torso to help them move around. Their hands have strong grips to allow them to hold on to branches for long periods of time. They have a feature as many primates do, where their nose and lips are covered in moist skin called rhinarium, which is a sense organ.

Lorises eat a variety of insects, small birds, eggs, fruits and saps. They mostly eat vegetation and gum, also known as sap.

There are many different species of the slow loris. One is the pygmy slow loris which is a miniature version that lives in regions of Vietnam and China. They live in a forest habitat, sometimes even rainforests. They have a short tail and small bodies. Another species is the Bornean slow loris which lives in the central region of Borneo and Indonesia. They have a lighter body color and large eyes. In total there are 9 species of lorises, and all have distinct color patterns.

Slow lorises have a toxic bite, which is extremely rare in primates. The toxin comes from licking a sweat gland on their arm, and then mixing it with their saliva, making a powerful toxin. Loris bites can cause pain, swelling, and even death. There was one human death recorded in 1972 as a result of going into anaphylactic shock after a bite.

Some people keep slow lorises as pets because they are cute. What they don't know is that in some countries, keeping slow lorises as pets is illegal. Although they are adorable, they have a strong odor and a painful bite. They are also endangered, making them even worse pets. To ensure children's safety, some owners buy them from animal dealers, and they cut the front teeth off with nail clippers or pull them out with pliers. This makes it hard for the animals to bite and eat food and sometimes leads to infection and death.



### Interesting facts:

1. Lorises only weigh around 0.3 to 4 pounds.
2. Slow lorises have a six month pregnancy and live up to 25 years.
3. The name "loris" in Dutch means "clown" which probably refers to the colors on their face.
4. They are the rarest primates in the world. The second rarest is their cousin, the bush baby.
5. In Indonesia, slow lorises are called *malu malu*, or "shy one" because they freeze and cover their face when spotted.



# A New Home

## By Emilia Cicale

### Groundbreaking News

The New York Islanders are getting a new arena, but where will it be, and what will it look like? Let's find out.



### Past Places

Between the years of 1972 and 2021, the New York Islanders have been in two arenas: Nassau Coliseum, and Barclays Center. Nassau Coliseum (aka The Barn) was their first home from the years 1972 to 2014. In 2015, they decided the Coliseum was too small and moved to Brooklyn. They they shared an arena with the Brooklyn Nets at Barclays Center for another four years before splitting the games between the Coliseum and Barclays. After renovations at the Coliseum in 2020, they decided to leave Barclays for good. Although it was fun, at the end of the day, it was built for basketball not hockey.

Sounds complicated, right? Well, all that would change when the Isles publicly announced they would build a new arena in Elmont right next to the racetrack at Belmont Park. The plan is to have it ready the 2021 -22 season. Though COVID slightly slowed construction, the new arena is looking amazing so far. It will be called UBS Arena, named for the Swiss bank UBS.

### End Results

When the construction ends, in addition to the arena, there will also be a mall, a restaurant, and a hotel. The management team got an artist to show what UBS Arena will look like when it's complete (see image to the right).

During the process of designing UBS, they went to look at other hockey arenas to get inspiration so that this new one would be the best one in the NHL. They will also be using new technology like Amazon Pay. Let's say you want to get cotton candy. With your card info already in your amazon account you just walk up, grab the cotton candy and go. It is automatically charged to your card. I don't know about you, but I am very excited to see the finished project season!



Artist's Rendering  
Image from [ubsarena.com](https://ubsarena.com)

For more information, visit their website:

<https://ubsarena.com/>

Photos by Emilia Cicale



# ~BTS NEWS NOW~

By Zeynep Oztas



BTS's hit song "Dynamite", released in 2020, was their first full English song that received 100 million views in the first 24 hours. (No surprise but it already has over 1 billion views now.) On top of all that, they just released another all-English song, called "Butter". From the teaser pictures and videos, I could tell that this song is upbeat and mysterious in a way. "Butter" was released on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 am EST. It currently has over 320 million views on YouTube.



Okay. WHO LOVES MCDONALD'S? Yeah, a LOT of you do. Well ARMY was looking forward to some fun on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The BTS meal was added to the menu at McDonald's! It's their



signature order. It includes a 10-piece Chicken McNuggets, medium fries and a Coke as well as new sauces picked by BTS and inspired by the McDonald's in South Korea – choose Cajun or Sweet Chili. There had been some rumors about photocards being included in the meal, but this was not the case. You can get some "Behind the Scenes" content in the McDonald's app and there is also merch available. ARMY has been making hilarious memes about the meal - here are a few of them.

BTS as most of you know is very popular. Everywhere. Justin Bieber, a huge American pop singer in South Korea, is rumored to be doing a collaboration with them! BTS is amazing on their own (obviously) and now they have some American company. They didn't give any specific details so that's all I can confirm right now. :)

LOVE YOURSELF <3



# AMVETS annual essay contest

## By Emily Ulrich

American Veterans (AMVETS) is an veterans service organization. They recently held their annual Americanism contest, sponsored locally by AMVETS and AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary Post #18. During this contest, students in grades 6-12 can enter an essay based on a theme. This year's theme was "What do I think of when I see the American flag".

Local Americanism Awards were presented to the following students on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021:

### 6th Grade

Brooke McCally - 1st Place

### 7th Grade

Reese Sinkevich - 1st Place

Ava Gonzalez - 2nd Place

Angel Mai - 3rd Place

### 8th Grade

Sarah Alexander - 1st Place



Students received a certificate and a cash prize. Entries for those students that won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the "Local" AMVETS contest were sent to the NY State AMVETS Americanism Chair. Their entries will be voted on in June, along with all the other 1<sup>st</sup> place entries submitted from AMVET Posts in New York. Good luck!

*Thank you to Mrs. Tadlock from Timber Point Elementary School for providing information on the contest results.*



Photos by Mrs. Avella and the Sinkevich family.



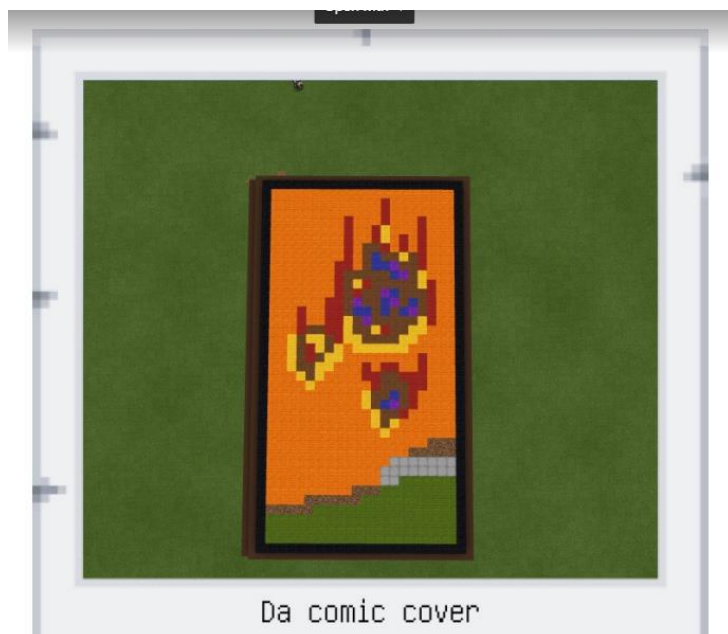
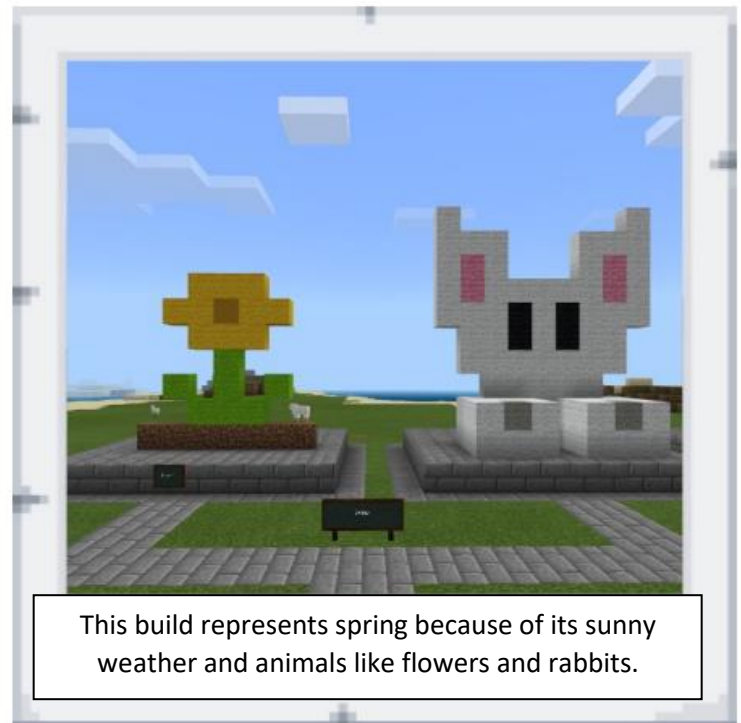
## Minecraft Education Edition, now in our school!

By Nicholas Costantini

Minecraft is now being used in our school with different teachers. For example, in Technology class, Mrs. Avella is using it to do different activities like designing a book cover and building structures for different seasons. We also learned about weather and climate. Below are images of my designs.

I think that adding Minecraft to everyone's laptops and allowing teachers to use it was a good decision. It allows teachers to make different activities for the students to use and learn by communicating with each other.

I asked some students for their opinion. Jude Pascual gives this activity a rating of 10 out of 10 and would recommend it to other schools. He said, "It is very fun!" Quentin Kuhn said, "I think it is really cool that we can have fun instead of just doing a PowerPoint in class and we are learning at the same time."



# Smuggler's Notch

## By Arianna Rodriguez

### *Introduction*

Looking for a place to go on vacation? Well, you came to the right place, because I have the best family friendly resort for you! It's called Smuggler's Notch and it is perfect for a family vacation or just a quick getaway. It is available all year round. There are activities for all ages. Smuggler's Notch has summer camp and winter camp, but sadly they end earlier than usual summer or winter camps.

### *Camp*

At Smuggler's Notch you can enroll your child in camp for as long as you stay. During the summer when a child is enrolled in camp, they get to pick what group they would like to be in for that day. They can choose Arts & Crafts, Nature & Hiking, Sound & Stage, and more. Just so you know, when you are enrolled in camp you are by yourself all day with your camp members. There is a plus side to that though - you can make new friends and hang out after camp. You get to meet tons of friendly people!

### *Activities*

There are also many activities at this family resort for people that are not enrolled in camp. If there is a younger child in your family that cannot be in camp, there are still things that they can do. There are sing-a-longs, playgrounds, scavenger hunts, magicians, and even a fun zone! For adults there are bonfires, karaoke, and hiking. Even though everyone can go to those things, it's still a good thing for adults and young children to enjoy.

So, if you are ever in need of a place to take a vacation, Smuggler's Notch is the place to go. It is located in Jeffersonville, Vermont between Stowe and Jefferson. It was also rated the #1 Family Friendly resort in the eastern US by SKI Magazine in 2020. Have fun!



For more information, visit their website: <https://www.smuggs.com/>

# *Paige's Kitchen: Red Velvet Cupcakes*

## By Paige Mathers

### Ingredients

- ½ cup of oil
- ½ cup of sugar
- 4 tbsp of milk
- 2 egg whites
- ½ tsp of food dye
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp of white vinegar
- ⅔ cup and 2 tbsp of flour
- 4 tsp cocoa powder
- ¼ tsp of baking soda
- ¼ tsp of salt

### Equipment

- Oven
- Cupcake tin
- Cupcake liners
- Whisk or electric mixer
- Rubber spatula
- Large bowl
- Small bowl (optional)
- Measuring utensils
- Scooper or spoon



Remember to wash your hands whenever touching or making food.

**Step 1:** Preheat the oven to 350°F and put cupcake liners in a cupcake pan.

**Step 2:** In a large bowl add flour, cocoa powder, baking soda, and salt.

**Step 3:** Mix. I suggest using a whisk for this step so you don't have flour everywhere.

**Step 4:** In another bowl, combine oil, sugar and vanilla extract. Once combined, mix again.

**Step 5:** Add milk, egg whites, food dye and white vinegar to the bowl in step 4.

**Step 6:** Slowly combine dry and wet ingredients. Mix together. I used my electric mixer but you can use a whisk.

**Step 7:** Once the batter is smooth with small clumps, put batter in cupcake liners. I like to fill ¾ of the way.

**Step 8:** Put in oven and bake for 18-22 minutes (cupcakes) or 5-10 minutes (mini cupcakes).

**Step 9:** To see if cupcakes are done, do the toothpick test. Stick a toothpick in your cupcake. If you get wet batter, they are not ready. If they are not ready, I usually put them back in the oven for 2-5 minutes depending on how wet the inside is.

**Step 10:** Once your cupcakes are cooled, pipe some frosting on and enjoy!

NOTE: See my frosting recipe on the next page.

### Friends and Family Review

My friends and family loved these cupcakes. My friends could not stop eating them. One of them had 8 mini cupcakes!

## Abby's homemade desserts and more

### Cheesecake cookie dough bites By Abby Buonincontri

Every time I make these delicious bites, everyone loves them. I hope you enjoy them as much as I do.

#### Ingredients you will need:

1 tube of refrigerated chocolate chip cookie dough  
1 8-ounce package of cream cheese, softened  
½ cup sugar  
1 egg

- Step 1: Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  
Step 2: Cut cookie dough into 2 equal pieces.  
Step 3: In an 8x8 inch pan, gently press half of the dough into the pan to form a crust.  
Step 4: In a small bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar and egg until well combined.  
Step 5: Spread the cream cheese mixture over the crust.  
Step 6: Sprinkle bits of cookie dough on top.  
Step 7: Bake in the oven for 35-40 minutes.  
Step 8: Cut it into 9 pieces or more.  
Step 9: Finally, **Enjoy!**



## Paige's Kitchen:

### Buttercream frosting By Paige Mathers

#### Ingredients

- 1 stick butter
- 2 ½ - 3 cups of confectioners' (powdered) sugar
- 2-3 tbsp of milk

#### Equipment

- Large bowl
- Whisk or electric mixer
- Piping bag or spatula to spread on cake
- Rubber spatula for mixing (optional but strongly recommended)
- Large bowl

**Step 1:** Put butter in a glass bowl and microwave for 30 seconds.

**Step 2:** Combine softened/melted butter with powdered sugar and 2 tbsp of milk.

**Step 3:** Add more milk if the frosting is not at a consistency you like.

**Step 4:** Apply frosting to cupcakes or cake.

#### Review

Everyone in my family enjoyed this buttercream frosting. My friends tried it and couldn't get enough!

### ANSWERS TO UNSCRAMBLE p. 23

BEACH	SWIMMING
FISHING	UMBRELLA
PICNIC	BOATS
SHARKS	OCEAN
SUNBURN	SUNSCREEN
SUNTAN	SWIMSUITS
TOWELS	WATER
BEACHBALL	POOL
FLIPFLOPS	SUMMER
LOUNGECHAIR	SUNGLASSES

# Advice for Hiking

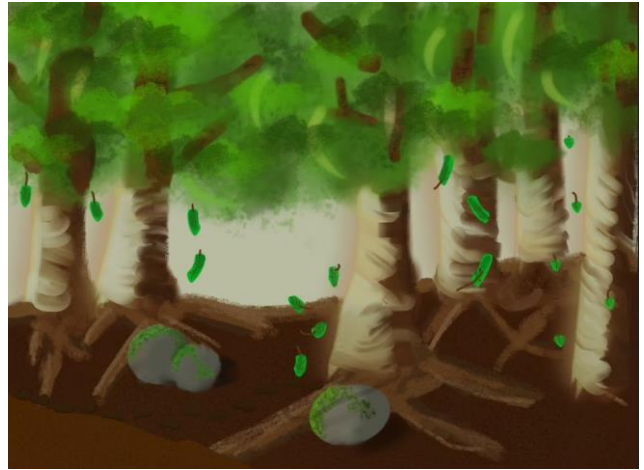
## By Grace Micali

When you're feeling **sad** or **mad**  
Go for a hike  
Seriously take my **advice**

Bring your **good boots**  
So you don't trip on the **roots**  
Watch the birds do their  
**graceful swoops**  
It can calm your racing mind

Appreciate the **growth**, it does  
more for you than you **know**  
When the seasons change watch the flowers **grow**  
Study all the **colors**, decorating the landscape  
And let the creativity **flow**

Listen for the **trickle** of a **stream**  
It could help you blow off some **steam**  
Watch the water as it **flows**  
And let your **worries** rush away with the **tide**



## Pathways

### By Sally Attard

I glance down the road, pathways it'll lead me  
Greens of agriculture, a choice if I'll see  
The audacious fruits, audacious for the differences  
we perceive

Nobody knows what road we'll go down until the  
time has come,  
Until the past is done.  
The growing of time is obvious to find  
A blankness of what the future will be, in our minds

One day, enjoyment of the presence you see,  
The next, this enjoyment, you've seen has been  
deceived

Differences don't matter, yet these differences  
With these, we've been blessed  
To have and to stay with us  
The pathways, we'll just have to trust.

## Pride Poem

### By Sally Attard

The colors of rainbow, I celebrate with pride  
My whole personality, I have to provide.  
As June comes up, I jovially hop,  
And I know for sure, Pride will never stop

The parades to acknowledge the people in  
the minorities that have been hated on,  
The hatred just makes us strong.

To all of the haters out there  
We don't care, for pride we have, support  
we've gained  
And the time to parade.

People are people, who aren't less or more,  
And that is true, for sure.  
An amazing accomplishment to have, like  
being left-handed  
I'm rare again.

I'm that powerful Pikachu in the set of cards,  
Shininess like that ultra rare Charizard  
A beautiful addition to the collection,  
And there I am, still standing.

**You Will Not Complete This Word Search**  
**By Quentin Kuhn**

H A M B U R G E R G C N L Y H F T X  
R J S U E W H O P P E R I X N E L L  
X L A P T O P Y N I A K L E F G X J  
R F P O W A T E L E V I S I O N S N  
C H E E S E B U R G E R L A Y Z C O  
T O M I N E C R A F T J M T O S A Y  
K K R R A L P H A B E T J E U C M X  
L Z J S C F R P Z Y T J C W T H E C  
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Find the following words in the puzzle.  
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

ALPHABET  
BIGMAC  
CAMERA  
CHEESEBURGER  
HAMBURGER  
LAPTOP

MINECRAFT  
MOUSE  
MUTE  
POWER  
SCHOOL  
SCIENTIST

TELEVISION  
WHOPPER  
YOUTUBE



New bleachers were installed this year in the MS gymnasium.

# Cornhole – Hosted by the EIMS PTA

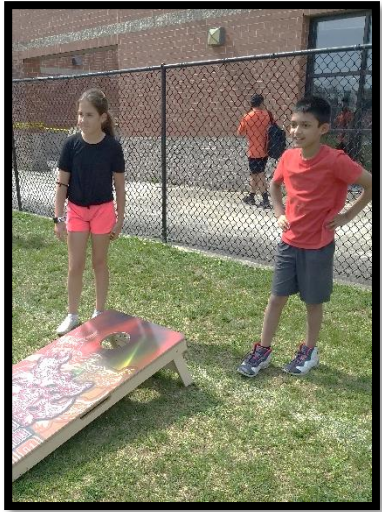
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Students and staff enjoyed pizza and Italian Ices and music by DJ Carlos. It was a great way to celebrate the end of the year. A fun time was had by all!



More photos on page 24

Cornhole Event  
continued 6/10/21







# SUMMER UNSCRAMBLE

By Steven Kudrick

(Answers are on page 20)



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TWERA \_\_\_\_\_

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OLPO \_\_\_\_\_

FSFIPOPLL \_\_\_\_\_

RUMEMS \_\_\_\_\_

CHGENARIOUL \_\_\_\_\_

SGSLUNAESS \_\_\_\_\_

## 5 Facts About Summer

By Michael Tramaglino

1 - The first Olympics were held during the summer of 1896 in Athens.

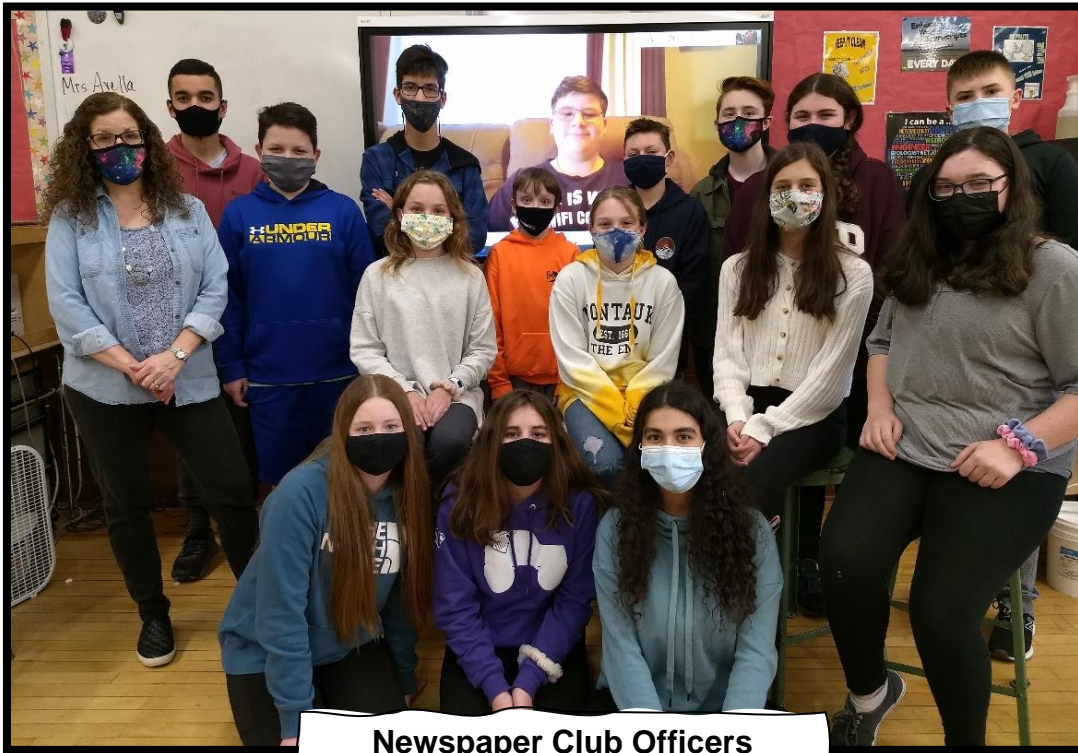
2 - The last day of summer is September 20th.

3 - The Eiffel Tower grows because of the heat of summer.



4 - Summer is the most popular time for people to go to the movies.

5 - One of the most popular summer treats, watermelon, is actually a vegetable, not a fruit.



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