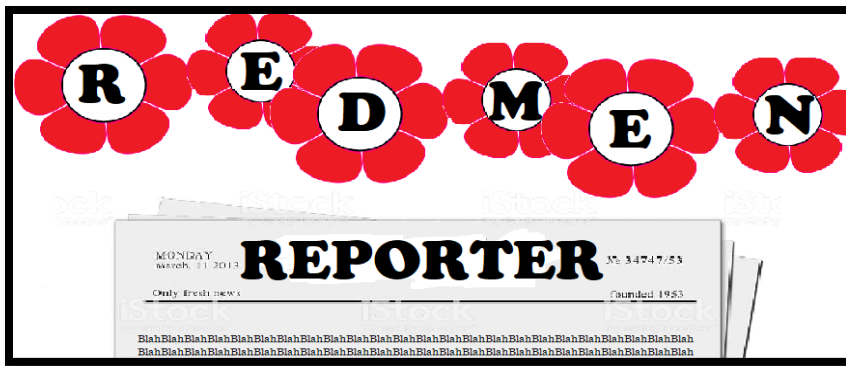


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Enjoy your retirement!

The Redmen Reporter would like to salute these 4 faculty 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!



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Mrs. Friel

Secretary to the Asst. Principal
28 years in East Islip
15 years at the MS
Also worked at CES and the HS
Future plans: grandchildren,
traveling, gardening



Mrs. Ware

Librarian
21 years in East Islip
12 years at the MS
Also worked at CES
Future plans:
grandchildren, beach,
golf, yoga



Mrs. Reese

Speech Teacher
30 years in East Islip
9 years at the MS
Also worked at ECC,
CES, JFK, TES
Future plans: grandson,
family, travel



Mrs. Zeffiro

Keyboarding/ELA and
Math Lab Teacher
33.5 years in East Islip
15 years at the MS
Also worked at RCK, EIHS
Future plans: exploring the "world"

Mrs. Friel Says Goodbye

By Grace Micali

This year, Mrs. Friel is retiring. She worked as Mr. Nolan's secretary this past school year. I interviewed her to ask some questions about what she did over the years. I hope you enjoy this article. All the students of the newspaper club wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

Q: How long have you worked in East Islip?

A: 28 years total in East Islip, 15 at the MS

Q: Did you have any other positions besides the middle school over the years?

A: Yes, I was a para and instructional aide at Connetquot Elementary School and at the high school. I worked as the assistant principal's secretary at both the middle school and the high school. I also worked at the HS in guidance, the main office and for the Math Director.

Q: When did you start working here?

A: I started in 1992 as a substitute aide.

Q: What is your current position and what do you do?

A: I'm currently secretary to the assistant principal of the middle school. Some of my jobs entail scheduling discipline for students, scheduling chaperones for events, organizing the Breakfast of Champions, planning for fire drills, and setting up assemblies. My duties also include typing, filing and whatever else the assistant principal needs me to do.

Q: What is the craziest thing that happened to you on the job?

A: The craziest thing that happened to me on the job is when I worked at the high school and we all wore those glasses with the big nose and mustache! It looks like this ---->



Q: What will you miss about working in East Islip schools?

I will miss the interaction with the students and how just a little kindness can make a difference. I will also miss the friendships that I have made with many of the people that I have worked with in the district. East Islip was a second home for me, and I will always cherish that time. What I will miss the most is working in the Middle School because that was my second family. I enjoyed my job and especially enjoyed working with everyone every day. I was rewarded with great friendships which extends beyond the workplace. I feel privileged to have been a part of the Middle School Team for all these years!



Goodbye to Mrs. Thompson!



After 10 years in East Islip Schools, Mrs. Thompson is moving to North Carolina this summer. She is currently working as Mr. Brennen's secretary. He will be lost without her, for sure! We wish her well with future adventures.



Covid-19 facts and origins
By Adam Menendez

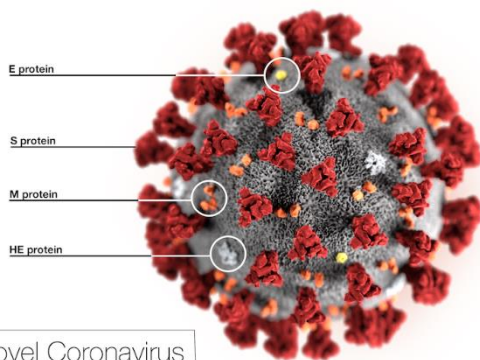
The Coronavirus has recently halted the world in its tracks. It's believed to have originated in Wuhan, China, when an animal from a live market was eaten without being cleaned properly in December of 2019. Soon after, a cluster of pneumonia-like cases appeared there.

Scientists are hard at work looking for a solution or cure. Before that happens, the key to thwarting this virus is to take measures to prevent ourselves from catching it in the first place.

There are more than 7 million confirmed cases in the world, with America having the most people infected. COVID-19 (the disease caused by the virus) is rapidly growing and changing, so we need to stay on our toes. The best thing to do is to social distance, wear a mask and gloves, and stay away from large gatherings.

Good luck and stay safe. For more information, please visit these websites:

- [Centers for Disease Control](#)
- [New York State- Coronavirus](#)
- [Yale Medicine](#)



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Reopening in New York
Phase 2 for Long Island started
June 10, 2020 (includes outdoor dining)

<p>PHASE 1</p>  <p>Construction Manufacturing Wholesale Trade Select Retail for Curbside Pickup Only</p> <p>Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing</p>	<p>PHASE 2</p>  <p>Professional Services Finance and Insurance Retail Administrative Support</p> <p>Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing</p>
<p>PHASE 3</p>  <p>Restaurants and Food Services</p>	<p>PHASE 4</p>  <p>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation Education</p>

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MAJOR EVENTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

As the world continues to feel the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak, Bruins find themselves trying to stay safe while awaiting further news of the virus' spread. The Quad has put together a timeline of events in order to aid general understanding of the pandemic's origin and progression in the past couple of months.

DEC. 31

Cases of "pneumonia of unknown etiology" ("unknown etiology" means unknown cause) occurring in Wuhan, China, are first reported to the World Health Organization China Country Office.

JAN. 11

The first death from COVID-19 is officially announced by the Wuhan Municipal Health Commission. The death occurred Jan. 9.

JAN. 21

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirms the first case of COVID-19 in the United States. The patient returned to the U.S. – more specifically, Washington state – from their travel to Wuhan on Jan. 15.

FEB. 29

The first U.S. COVID-19 death, occurring in Washington state, is recorded.

JAN. 30

WHO declares COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, or PHEIC; in other words, a global health emergency.

JAN. 23

Chinese authorities "close off" Wuhan, canceling events and suspending transportation in and out of the city.

MARCH 9

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte announces a lockdown of the entire country.

MARCH 10

UCLA suspends in-person classes and final exams, instead transitioning to remote, online instruction until the end of the second week of spring quarter. UCLA also announces the cancellation of "nonessential gatherings of more than 100 people."

MARCH 11

WHO declares COVID-19 to be a pandemic.

MARCH 26

The U.S. is reported to lead the world in the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

MARCH 19

California Gov. Gavin Newsom issues Executive Order N-33-20, ordering all California citizens to stay at home, except for for "essential needs."

MARCH 13

President Donald Trump declares a national emergency. UCLA administration announces its decision to extend remote instruction through the end of spring quarter.

APRIL 2

UCLA administration announces its decision to extend remote instruction through summer session A (June 22 to Aug. 28).

APRIL 3

The CDC now recommends wearing protective cloth face masks in public settings.

APRIL 6

A 4-year-old Malayan tiger at the Bronx Zoo in New York becomes the first known case of an animal becoming sick with COVID-19 because of human infection.

Graphic reporting by Danielle Pigeon, Blogging contributor. Graphic by Katherine Ngo, Daily Bruin staff.

Sources: WHO, CNN, CDC, New York Times, UCLA Newsroom, White House, State of California Executive Department, Office of Governor Gavin Newsom

**Friday, March 13, 2020: Last day of traditional
K-12 school in New York for the school year**

Image from <https://dailybruin.com>

Viewpoint

Coronavirus – the student’s life

By Lee Daubaras



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I think we can all agree we put a little too much faith into 2020. We don’t have much of a fighting chance against 2020, despite what everybody’s saying. Just because people say we’re fine, that means absolutely nothing to the existential fact that we are **not fine**.

I’m not going to try and hurt all the younger and older precious brains in this school by sending you into a mad panic, but everyone seems to have forgotten that we’re dealing with a global pandemic. Instead of spewing nonsense, I’d like to step back and talk about student life and the obstructions COVID-19 has given us.

The fact is obvious. There hasn’t been school in quite a while, and nobody really knows when it’ll open back up. The massive influx of “Online School” users has grown to the hundreds of thousands and shows no signs of stopping. All these programs have amazing potential to help students grow and learn from their own homes, but are they really being put to good use? To find the answer to that question, I surveyed many of my classmates, and some good friends from nearby Islip Middle School, to see if they are making good use of their time and the programs.

Step one was to find the people. Thankfully, we almost all have Discord, so that cut the hard work of contacting people down to just a few hours. (Discord is a chat app for those who don’t know.) Step two was simple, wait until they’re online and voice chat with them one on one. It served as a good bonding experience and a few other ideas even came out of the conversations we had. Step three was to just ask them about their experiences so far, and without much hesitation they answered with quite a valuable approach to the situation. Here are some of the quotes I got from them.

“Yeah, I’ve been doing good so far. I’m here all day so I don’t have much to do. It bothers me to have to use Teams. Pretty convoluted.”

“No way, I’m way behind. Dude, I’m here right now to get away from work, and there is no way I’m gonna do more today.”

“It’s okay I guess; I do my subjects per day if that’s the answer you’re looking for.”

“It’s really hard to get online. I’ve still got a busy schedule and I don’t really know how we’re playing right now, like dude come on man. We’re playing right now.”

These are the many conversations I’ve had with the students working (and not working) on the provided assignments. The answers I received were very mixed, but I hope this serves as some help going forward with the online schooling we’ve been receiving.

EIMS Spelling Bee 1/10/20

1st Place: Logan Beaumont

2nd Place: Jacob Zilberstein

3rd Place (tie): Jackelyn Arevalo-Carrillo
and Brendan Muller

Number of rounds – 18

Championship word - visite

Congratulations to all who participated!

Photos taken by Mrs. Poulis

Pictured from from left to right:

Brendan Muller

Mr. Deedy

Jackelyn Arevalo-Carrillo

Jacob Zilberstein

Logan Beaumont

Ms. Huether

Ms. Mingione



Ms. Huether:
official word announcer on the left

Ms. Mingione and Mr. Deedy:
co-coordinators and judges in middle
and right



Girl Scouts aren't just about the cookie

By Sally Attard

Throughout my years of booth sales when we were selling nuts and candy, or just sponsoring the Girl Scouts, wanting five or six year olds to join a Girl Scout troop, people have come up to my troop and asked if we had cookies. No, normally we never have cookies.

Important facts about cookie sales:

- *In January through May, there are cookie sales.
- *I may be dressed as a cookie if you come to a nearby mall.
- *Each box of cookies costs \$5.00, even the sale: 4 boxes for \$20.00.

When we sell nuts and candy, there has only been a single person that loves Girl Scouts to the point where they buy our products. I respect that person. We are hardworking girls, also wearing a vest that gets in the way of everything. We're just doing this to help the economy and the community.

Important facts about nut and candy sales:

- *The highest price for nuts and/or candy has been \$15.00.
- *There are many options to buy products. All of them are equally good, even the raisins.
- *The money raised goes to local Girl Scout troops.

I, for one, have stayed for four hours representing the Girl Scout community for little girls who might be interested. I got asked four times: "Are you selling cookies?" I handed them a flyer and they walked away. With little girls not wanting to join, they're missing out on all the fun! They could have a lot to put on their college applications if they join Girl Scouts, with the possibility of earning the silver and gold awards.

Facts about the awards:

- *There are three awards: the bronze, silver, and gold awards.
- *Each of the awards becomes harder as you go on through the Girl Scout journey. For example, you have to work in groups of three or less for the silver award and generate the process of ideas to help the community.

On Monday nights, we learn about specific events that we do. We also have fun with crafts and other stuff throughout the night, including snacks, water and other stations. Depending on which troop you join, you'll have an 'every other week' meeting for an hour and a half, also. For more information, visit the Girl Scouts of Suffolk County website: <https://www.gssc.us/>.



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Subnautica game review

By Quentin Kuhn



This article may contain spoilers!

Subnautica by Unknown Worlds Entertainment is set in a futuristic type style underwater setting where you and your massive ship, the Aurora, crash land on a planet known as 4546B. This planet has been explored by two ships and neither have returned. You are the only survivor, Ryley Robinson who escaped on life pod 5. The goal of the game is to escape the planet before multiple things kill you. (I'm not going to name them, or it would be too big of a spoiler). You need to collect alien fish to satisfy your hunger and thirst. You must fight evil creatures to protect you and your materials and build deep underwater to be able to complete the very complex story. You can build various submarines, big and small to go even deeper in the ever-expanding ocean of Subnautica.

Let's now look at the sequel, Subnautica: Below Zero. After your character on the main game gets back to Alterra HQ, they send out multiple exploration missions to the planet. You play as Robin Goodall, the leader of the mission to the north pole of the planet. Your sister Samantha Goodall is the leader of Vesper, the space station orbiting the planet and moderating your progress. Now you can build even more awesome vehicles like the Seatruck and the Snowfox and many more!

Subnautica is available for \$25 and Below Zero is now \$20.

Visit <https://store.steampowered.com/> for more information.



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Frozen Jr. - February 7-8, 2020

“In Summer”

*Photos taken by Mrs. Avella
(see next page)*



Frozen Jr. - February 7-8, 2020

Director: Mrs. Tripi

Asst. Director: Mrs. Panetta

Set Design: Mrs. Doyle

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The Hardest Word Search By Quentin Kuhn



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The staff at the Redmen Reporter would like to thank our readers for their support. We hope everyone has a great summer!

~Mrs. Avella

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