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Super Bowl 52 and library contest By Sebastian Higgins

This year's super bowl was on February 4, 2018 and it was the Philadelphia Eagles up against the New England Patriots. As we all know, the Eagles came out on top winning with a score of 41 to 33.

The EIMS library staff prepared for this event by having a bulletin board with playoff brackets, as well as a "Guess the Winning Team" contest. Many different prizes were given to students who guessed the winning teams each week of playoffs. Chris Dopfel, a 7th grade student, won the grand prize of this event. He received a basket with many items including a signed football from New York Giants' player Rashad Jennings. Everyone involved with this event had a great time. Congratulations to all the winners!





Read about the Vet Van on page 9.

The Little Mermaid Jr. School Musical By Kira Novotny

This year, the East Islip Middle School's musical was "The Little Mermaid Jr.". These performances were held on February 9 and 10 at the middle school auditorium. The Director was Mrs. Tripi and the assistant director was Mrs. D'Aversa.

"The Little Mermaid Jr." starred:

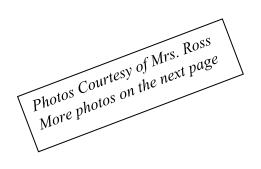
Hanna Ross (6th) - Ariel Trevor Cox (8th)- Prince Eric Tristan Hearth (7th) - Sebastian Leah Dolson (6th) - Flounder Emily Blair (8th) - Scuttle Tim Hogan (8th) - King Triton

The cast spent many hours together for rehearsals at school as well as preparation time at home. Like the cast, the crew put on an amazing show using the lights, sound, props, and makeup. Stage crew and costume design were handled by the assistant director, Mrs. D'Aversa, along with the help of Mrs. Doyle.

"The passion and dedication of our students, along with many hours of rehearsal, paid off to make this show a success," said Mrs. Tripi. "We are very proud of every student involved."









Little Mermaid Jr February 2018









Bagel-Loving Pups By Jenna Thompsett

It's no secret that in today's day and age, most things in the news are pretty negative. While tragedy does plague the world, there's always room for a little bit of happiness.

So, what's round, made of dough, and totally delicious? No, not a donut, silly - bagels! Okay, maybe not everyone likes bagels, but there is one thing almost no person doesn't like – dogs. So, what's better than dogs and bagels separate? Dogs and bagels together! While you might think that's a little strange, employee Natasha at Einstein Bros. Bagels (located in Melbourne, Florida) agrees 100% that this is a great combination. Natasha has been taking pictures of the Bagel Shop's lovely doggy customers at the drive-thru and sharing them on Instagram. When asked about why she takes these pictures, Natasha responded with "I just thought they were too cute not to share."

However, it doesn't stop there. Einstein Bros. Bagels even has a few special beef-flavored bagels specifically made for hungry pups. Natasha's customers range from Chihuahuas to German Shepherds. Even a cat or two might find their way into Natasha's photo album. "My favorite part of taking these pictures is being able to look back at them," says Natasha. "The expression in their eyes can tell you a lot about them and it's fun wondering what they are thinking." Now, I know what you're waiting for. Here are a few pictures of Natasha's adorable customers. By the way, Natasha's Instagram account is @ebdogs4096, because I know you'll want to see some more adorable pictures.



What handsome pups!



That is a face of pure happiness.



Look at that smile!



I guess cats are allowed too.

For more information and awesome pictures, check out Natasha's Instagram @ebdogs4096 and <u>https://www.boredpanda.com/einstein-bros-bagels-drive-thru-dogs/</u>

Sports Night was held January 18, 2018 in the gymnasium. Each grade competed for points and the 8th graders came out victorious! Congratulations!



Game Shoppe

BY CHRISTOPHER CANABAL

Subnautica is an aquatic survival game with many features, developed by Unknown Worlds Entertainment. It is a fun game to play and has a four and a half star rating at microsoft.com. The setting is an ocean on an alien planet.

SUBNAUTICA

Features of the Game: This amazing game has a price of only \$20. When the game successfully loads, you get a choice of Creative mode, Survival mode, Freedom mode, and Hardcore mode. These game styles have a great selection for different types of gamers. Also if you're someone that likes to have cheats, there's a multitude of them for your style of game play.

Playing the Game: When you play the game you start with stunning graphics, with your survival pod and many materials. There are several different tools, vehicles, and tactics you can use to survive. With the exploded spaceship Aurora, you can explore its many chambers. There are also diving suits and O2 tanks that preserve your oxygen.

Over all I find Subnautica a very mind opening game that can expand upon your variety of games. ©

FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

By Robert Graziano

Fortnite Battle Royale is a sandbox survival game developed by Epic Games and People Can Fly, the former also publishing the game. The game was released as a paid early access title for Microsoft Windows, macOS, PlayStation 4 and Xbox One on July 25, 2017, with a full free-to-play release expected in 2018.

In Fortnite Battle Royale, up to 100 players, either individuals or up to four-man squads, attempting to be the last man or team standing as they hunt other players and avoid being eliminated themselves. Players parachute out of a flying bus, landing with only a pickaxe. When players land they scavenge for resources such as wood, brick or metal and weapons to fight with. Weapons come in common, uncommon, rare, epic, and legendary, legendary being the rarest and best. Players can use the resources they gathered to build walls, floors, stairs, and pyramids. During the game, every minute or two, a storm forms in the map and you have to be inside of the eye of the storm, which shrinks as the match progresses. If you go into the storm, you lose health but the earlier in the game you are, the less health you will lose per second.

Fortnite also has many cosmetic items in the game, such as outfits for characters or a new pickaxe to get recourses with. Fortnite has weekly updates that come out with new weapons or limited time game modes. To get these items, you have to buy in-game currency, called V-Bucks, ranging from \$9.99 to \$99.99. Recently they announced that Fortnite will be coming to mobile. They had sign ups starting on March 12, 2018 and later that week said that links to the game will be sent out. The mobile version is the exact same game as the full game on console or pc, but just uses on-screen controls.

There has also been some controversy between another battle royale type game, Player Unknown's Battlegrounds. They are growing concerns that Fortnite has copied PUBG and its play style. They are pretty similar in which you jump out of a plane in PUBG or a "battle bus" in Fortnite. But even though they seem very similar most battle royale games are like this. Fortnite has blown up with so many players, and is still racking in players and fans from all around the world.



Image from : <u>https://fortnite.gamepedia.com/Battle_Royale</u>

The Million Dollar Question!

By Kaitlyn E McCall

I am positive that you have witnessed in the hallway a locker concealed with Post-its. I have witnessed many people wasting these adhesive sheets in ways that make me think it's unproductive to bring Post-its to school, and that is our topic of this issue.

PROS: There are a fair amount of pros to the usage of Post-it notes. They can be used as scrap paper for unfathomable equations, written messages to be exported to friends (NOT DURING CLASS!), for rounds of tic-tac-toe after tests, and if you are interested in comics and drawing, you can sketch character ideas, facial expressions, apparel, etc. You can also make origami and notes to study for a test. They are a classic school fundamental, yet with its pros, come its cons.

<u>CONS</u>: These cons don't include the typical passing of notes in class. Students have been seen in many hallways wasting Post-its, as aforementioned, by caking their peers' lockers with these notes. Not only is it wasteful, but imagine coming to your locker after class and finding your locker in such a state. It's pointless to clear it because they will just redo your locker. And worst of all, I have witnessed firsthand a kid littering the halls with 5 packs worth of sticky notes!

WHY SHOULD WE ACKNOWLEDGE THIS?

Not sure if you know, but damaging another student's locker is a form of vandalism, which is against the EIMS Code of Conduct! According to the code, which can be found in student agendas, the minimum consequence is ISS (In School Suspension).

And that brings us to our Million Dollar Question:

Should usage of Post-its in hallways be banned?







Photos by Mrs. Avella

Women's Rights March By Taryn Kilrain

On January 20, 2018, thousands of people from Los Angeles to New York joined together to fight for women's rights. The marches happened in different major cities across the U.S. They marched in large groups on the anniversary of Trump's presidential inauguration in protest of Donald Trump's opinion of immigration, abortion, LGBT rights and women's rights.

Celebrities like Viola Davis and Scarlett Johansson spoke to the crowd about their stories. Natalie Portman was 13 at the time when she felt sexually discriminated when she while starring in the movie "Leon: The Professional". She thought that it was time for "a revolution of desire". Viola Davis shared her story of being a sexual assault survivor.

People say the marches took place as a protest against the president. Oklahoma City protesters chanted "We need a leader, not a creepy tweeter!" At a march in Washington D.C., female politicians urged women voters to run for office and run against the president and republican's agenda. A lot of people that went to the march were motivated by the #MeToo movement. The #MeToo movement was a hashtag used to inform people on social media of sexual assault and harassment.



Image from : <u>https://www.cnn.com</u>

New quarter's here!!! By Nicholas Williams

The 3rd quarter of the school year is already behind us. Can you believe it?! We've been here since September and now it's April. Only 3 more months of school, then off to a new grade. Some 6th grade students' schedule changed midyear from art to keyboarding or keyboarding to art. Some 7th graders changed from art to health or health to art. And the 8th graders' changed from FACS to health or health to FACS. The 8th graders will soon be going to go to high school, so I wish them good luck in the new year of school and life. That's all so, see you next time.



VETVAN update from Mrs. Henderson:

I am proud to say that our school has raised \$505.00 for the VETVAN. The 8th graders won the "No Homework" night for Wednesday, March 21st. The breakdown was as follows:

6th grade \$112 7th grade \$36 8th grade \$191 Teachers \$166

Thank you to everyone who made a donation. Students went to the American Legion meeting on Tuesday night, March 27th to present our donation. We truly appreciate your support with this fundraiser.

-EI Leaders Club -National Junior Honor Society



Students: Sean Togher, Grace Micali, Miranda Stockton, and Meagan Diaz

Upcoming MS Events

Apr 20 MS Wingo 5:30-7 p.m.

Apr 30 MS National Junior Honor Society Parent-Student Meeting 6 p.m.

May 2 MS Incoming Sixth-Grade Parent Orientation 6:30 p.m.

May 4 MS Talent Show 6 p.m.

May 7 MS Spring Concert I HS auditorium 7 p.m.

May 9 MS Spring Concert II HS auditorium 7 p.m.

May 17 MS Fifth Grade Visits

May 18 MS Music in the Parks @ Dorney Park

May 28 Memorial Day-Schools Closed

May 30 MS National Junior Honor Society Induction 6:30 p.m.

May 31 MS Art & Jazz Festival 6 p.m.

Wednesday Funday! Thanks to Mrs. Finger and Mrs. Rocco for organizing our themed Wednesdays!



Scarf Day



Disney Day



Camouflage Day



Superhero Day



Lookalike Day



Flannel Day

Puzzles and Comics



Wolf By Chelsea Dodenhoff

Staff List

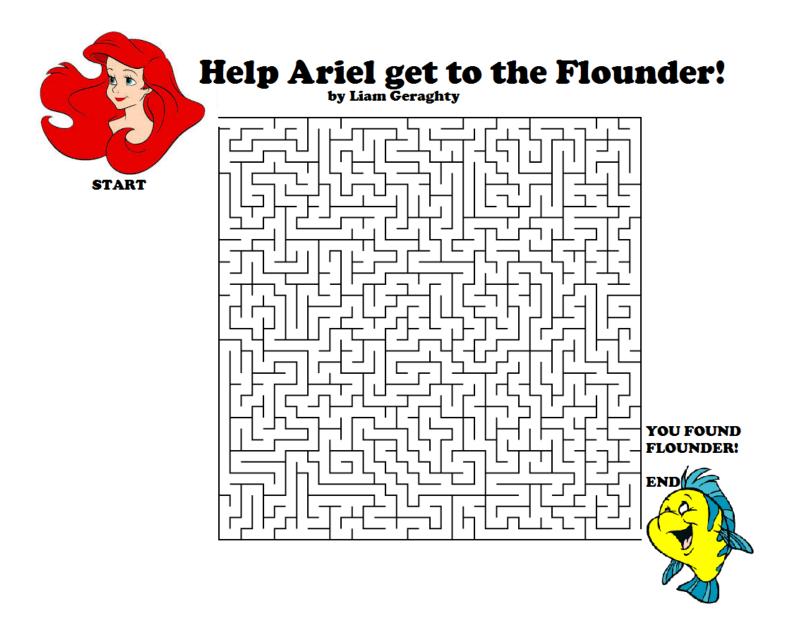


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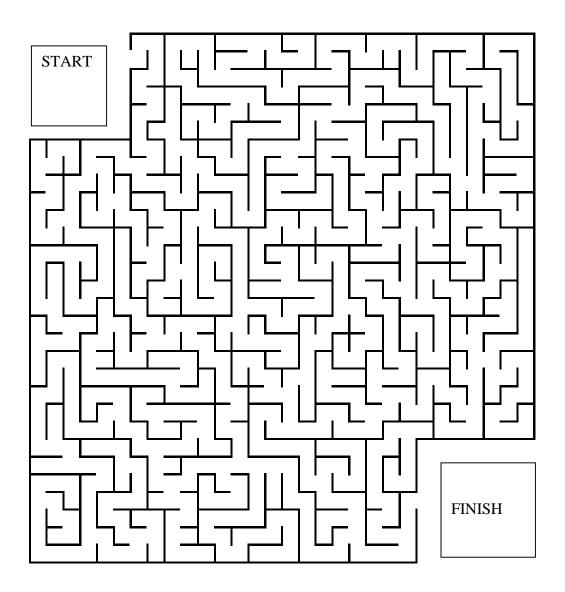
EIMS Administration

Principal: Mr. Bernard Asst. Principal: Mr. Bilotti Asst. Principal: Mr. Stanton



NICK'S MAZE By Nicholas Williams





Rabbits! - Spot the Differences Illustrations by Erin Kroupa

There are at least 6 differences you should be able to find.

