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Red Ribbon Week
By Kelcie Alba



EIMS celebrated Red Ribbon Week during the last week of October, bringing awareness to drugs through various events. Activities were held throughout the week, such as wearing sports attire to “team up against drugs.”

On Wednesday of that week, four teens from the Brentwood Outreach House came in to talk to 8th graders about their experience with drugs. The Outreach House is an adolescent residential treatment facility. As a part of their treatment program, residents go out on speaking engagements to share their personal stories of addiction and recovery. All of them had used drugs in their past, and they were willing to speak about how they got into drugs. They were also willing to answer questions about their past. It was interesting to hear how they had gotten into drugs, and how you could avoid them.

During lunch periods on Friday the 28th, the students signed pledges to be drug free. These pledges were then posted on a banner which hangs in the cafeteria hallway. Music was played on the loudspeaker between periods on Friday with the theme being “tune out drugs”.



EIMS Idol

Congratulations to eighth grader Danielle Catanzarite who was crowned East Islip Middle School’s Idol Winner singing “Ex’s and Oh’s”. First runner up went to 6th grader Kaelyn Gordon singing “Glitter in the Air,” second runner up to 6th grader Kiera Bryan singing “Cups” and 3rd runner up to 6th grader Jack Rice singing “Stressed Out.”

~Mrs. Stevens



Renaissance Club Interview

By Kelcie Alba

The Renaissance program at EIMS offers prizes and local discounts to students who have achieved academic success and have no behavior issues. Any student may join the **Renaissance Club** to help out with gift donations and raffle packets. The club advisor is Mr. Cabral, Guidance Counselor.

I interviewed some leaders of the Renaissance Club, Jennifer Brzostek and Kristy Murphy. Here's what they have to say.

Why do we have the Renaissance program?

J: It helps kids keep up their grades and do their homework.

K: And motivates them to behave and not miss school.

What's your opinion on the club?

J: I like it. I think more people should join because it's fun.

K: It's a really good way to get involved in the school.

How many students reach the criteria?

K: Approximately 600 students reach the criteria each quarter.

Who sponsors the club?

J: Local merchants give us coupons.

K: Places where you can buy stuff.

What can you learn from the club?

J: Time-management, and you can find different ways to do things.

K: Teamwork!

Any last words for people who are interested?

J: Join the club!

K: You get to help your friends and encourage them to do well in school.

Alexa Cutrone – President
Kristyn Murphy- Vice President
Frankie Naccarato – Secretary
Jennifer Brzostek- Treasurer

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Fancy new water fountain

By Marie Tohill

There is a new water fountain at East Islip Middle School that can be found in the cafeteria hallway. You may pass it on your way to lunch, and you most likely have noticed it already. As of mid-December, almost 2,200 water bottles have been filled and refilled with pure, filtered water. All students should utilize this new necessity.

When you place your water bottle under the dispenser, the machine will sense your bottle. It is much easier to fill up a bottle with filtered water and drink out of it throughout the day than to keep returning to the old water fountains for a sip here and there. However, you are not allowed to put your mouth under the water dispenser and drink directly underneath – you may (will) be reprimanded.

As students start to notice and become more aware of the new water fountain they are using the old ones less and less. East Islip High School has had these fountains for a long time. I hope the middle school will get more in years to come, as current students continue to enjoy them.



“The new water fountain is lit and very cool. I can't wait to use it more.” V.M

“I don't know. It seems weird, but in a good way!” S.S.

“I was touching it once and then a janitor said ‘Don't touch that, young lady!’” K.S.

“I like it. It's cool. It saved water and stuff. It's pretty dank.” J.V.

“It's a great addition to the middle school and I think we should have more.” P.A.



**The East Islip Middle School
RENAISSANCE PROGRAM LEVEL CRITERIA***

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>RED</u>
Passing all subjects with at least 70%	Passing all subjects with at least 80%	Passing all subjects with at least a 90%
No code of conduct infractions	No code of conduct infractions	No code of conduct infractions
No more than two latenesses	No more than two latenesses	No more than two latenesses
No more than four absences	No more than four absences	No more than four absences
No more than two missed homework assignments in any one class	No more than two missed homework assignments in any one class	No more than two missed homework assignments in any one class
Above standards must be consistently maintained	Above standards must be consistently maintained	Above standards must be consistently maintained

Grand Prize Winners, 1st Qtr:
Ryan Renganeschi, Daniella Chillemi
Faith Adler, Nicole Rosenberg

Prize Winners, 1st Qtr:

Mia Oquendo
Isabella Lemke
Gio Attanasio
Lucas Paino
Samantha McNamee
Joshua Hurlbert
Juliana Bertolini
Johnathan Cirillo
Anthony Sekela
Nick Sandler
Mac Myers
Mayo Zallner
Jenna Borelli
Heather Gerardi



***If extenuating circumstances prevent you from achieving Renaissance, you have the opportunity to explain your situation. Please see Mr. Cabral in the Guidance Department for an appeals form.**

REWARD INCENTIVES

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>	<u>RED</u>
Discount on school activities	Discount on school activities	Discount on school activities
Merchant discounts	Merchant discounts	Merchant discounts
One raffle ticket	Two raffle tickets	Three raffle tickets

DEFINITION:

Renaissance is a concept developed by the Renaissance Education Foundation. The foundation is a resource for the ideas and a clearinghouse for information for the approximately 4,500 schools nationwide with Renaissance programs.

PURPOSE:

The intent of Renaissance is to encourage academic growth through positive reinforcement of strong work habits, accountability and responsibility.

GOALS:

- ❖ To increase grade point averages
- ❖ To improve attendance
- ❖ To reduce disciplinary referrals
- ❖ To improve homework completion

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Review: The Christmas Spectacular!

By Melissa Lubitz

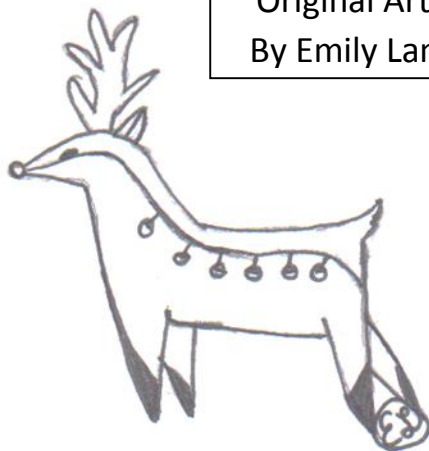
On November 11, 2016, Radio City had its opening day for their “Christmas Spectacular”. The “Christmas Spectacular” is an annual musical holiday stage show presented at Radio City Music Hall in New York City. The 90-minute show features more than 140 performers and an original musical score. It combines singing, dancing, and humor with traditional scenes.

The show has become a New York Christmas tradition. I actually went to this on opening day and it was AMAZING! If you do not believe me, go yourself! The show ends January 2, 2017, so hurry up and get those tickets! You don’t want to miss it! To buy tickets, go to this website:

<https://www.rockettes.com/christmas/>



**Original Artwork
By Emily Lamorte**



The Cost of Owning a Pet By Joseph Graziano

Many people dream of owning a pet, but usually do not factor all the expenses and costs. Some things to count in while buying or adopting a pet are food, cages, vaccinations and shots, leash, collars, insurance, toys and treats. Experts recommend putting aside \$700 to \$1500 to take care of a pet. In the first year, people spend about \$1000 on their pet, and after that, about \$500 per year.

Dr. Louise Murray states that owners should put an emergency fund for unexpected costs. “Owners will likely incur at least one \$2,000 – \$4,000 bill for emergency care at some point during their pet’s lifetime”. People should assume this will happen during the pet’s life and put money away just in case. All pet owners don’t want to have to make the decision of saving your pet’s life or paying your next month’s rent. It is not fair to you and your pet. People should learn that a pet’s cost can be unpredictable and we should not purchase a pet without proper research. Many owners will just think “it won’t happen to me...” but it is almost definite that every pet during its lifetime will have a major vet bill.

If you are worried about major vet bills, many families should consider pet insurance. Local vets will know a lot about pet insurance and could help you choose a plan right for your pet. Not all plans and policies are created equal, so be wise when choosing one.

In summary, you should think about these questions: Do you have extra money for your pet throughout his/her life? When will you be you ready to afford your first pet? What could be your largest pet expense? Lastly, do your research on your pet or talk to your local veterinarian.

For more details, visit this link:

<http://lifehacker.com/this-aspca-chart-shows-you-the-cost-of-owning-a-pet-1700938002>

DIY winter fun By Taryn Kilrain

Banana Penguins

Ingredients:

1 banana
½ cup chocolate chips
candy eyes
orange M&M's, cut in half



The materials you are going to need are a knife, a plate, a bowl, a spoon, a microwave, a refrigerator, and parent supervision. The first thing you need to do is cut the banana in half. The next step is to microwave the chocolate chips for 30 seconds (or more) until melted. Next, dip the banana into the melted chocolate and cover the top and back of the banana. Dip the half M&M into the chocolate and attach to the banana to make a nose and feet. Put the banana penguins in the freezer for about 20 minutes and enjoy.

<https://www.pinterest.com>

Melting Snowman Slime

Items Needed:

4 ounces of Elmer's white glue
3 cups of hot water
1 teaspoon of borax
2 spoons
2 bowls
1 carrot (end of a carrot)
black buttons and beads

Pour a 4 ounce bottle of glue into a bowl and add 1 ½ cups of hot water. Mix until combined. In another bowl, combine 1 ½ cups of hot water and 1 teaspoon of borax. Mix till the borax is dissolved. Next, add the borax mixture to the glue mixture and stir until it starts to thicken. When you do this step the glue should turn into slime. To make it a melting snowman you want to take the slime out of the bowl and flatten it on the table. Add a carrot tip for a nose. Use black buttons and beads to make a snowman face. Store the slime in a plastic bag or container and enjoy.

<http://www.artsyfartsymama.com>



Winter science experiments By Jenna Thompsett

There are so many different science experiments to do with your friends or family. Here are two winter experiments you can try at home.

Snowy Slime

You will need:

borax, water, measuring cup,
2 bowls and 1 spoon,
optional: food coloring, confetti,
glitter; blue or silver works best

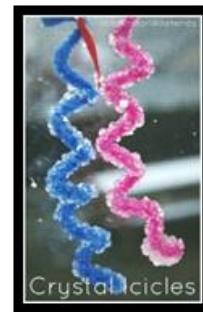


First, mix ½ a cup of water and ½ a cup of glue. Then, add your optional ingredients into the mix. Finally, add a ½ cup of your liquid starch/borax and mix it all together. After mixing with a spoon, switch to hand mixing for about 10 minutes. All done! You can play with your snowy slime all day long and store it in a sealed container. Have Fun!

Crystal Icicle Ornaments

You will need:

borax, water, jars/vases,
craft sticks, string, tape,
pipe cleaners



First, twirl your pipe cleaners around a pencil to form a spiral. Then, tie a piece of string to the top of each pipe cleaner. Next, put borax into hot water and wait for it to melt. After that, tie your icicles to your Popsicle sticks and lay them across your jar/vase so the pipe cleaners are in the solution. Now wait! The science is simple as to why these crystals form. Due to the water/borax solution, particles settle on the pipe cleaners. These icicles are great decorations for a Christmas tree, or to just hang around the house.

So there you go. These are some fun experiments that you can do right at home. Have fun with your family during the holidays by making these awesome winter science experiments!☺

<http://littlebinsforlittlehands.com/winter-science-ideas-kids/>

The Quarterly Gamer Corner By Johnathan Yankus

Comic Con 2016 took place October 6 – 9 at the Javits Center in NY City. Here is a summary of my experience:

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Comic Con 2016 is here, and it's time to sit back, relax, and enjoy everything going on at the Javits Center. Maybe a little bit less on the relax part, since there's so much to do here and it almost seems like it's impossible to go and do everything you're going to want to do. Like me for instance. Day one of Comic Con, I expected to walk around, visit some panels, and just take it slow. I expected to be there for maybe an hour, tops. Instead, three hours later, I'm only just leaving what was some of the most fun I've had at NYC in my short time of going here. So what did I spend three hours doing? Well, I hung around and interviewed a couple of representatives from Final Fantasy XV, and finished off with Kingdom Hearts 2.8.

This is going to pain me to say and probably pain you to read, but I have never played a Final Fantasy game. The franchise had always interested me but I never got around to trying out the games. So I made it a point to give Final Fantasy XV try while I had the chance. I was given the chance to play the first four chapters of the game which, for the sake of time, I was able to complete. I dug in for about an hour and here's what I can say: the combat system is very intense. There was a lot thrown at me in the tutorial but once I began to pick up on it, the game just started to feel so smooth. Another thing, the graphics are insane, just truly beautiful. It's one of the best looking games I've seen so far. The chances of me picking this up and giving it a try are probably as high as they've ever been.

Finally, I wrapped up with Kingdom Hearts 2.8. One of the first story-based games I wrapped myself into was Kingdom Hearts. The lore was intriguing, the characters were fun, and it wasn't overly complicated. Did I finish the game though? Yes. In fact, all I know is the controls felt the same and it was fun hitting the Heartless with a magical key again. Otherwise, there's not a whole lot I can say. I will be picking this up soon, so for anyone who's been a fan of the lore and the games, this will be something you'll want to acquire.

Truly, Comic Con was an amazing experience for myself, a 12 year old boy, with his family. We all cosplayed and enjoyed the fun in that some of the cosplay was quite amazing. The spirit of the day was fun and adventure. But what I'd like to make sure to mention, one can still find comics in all different genres. Disney had a great booth that was dedicated just to books - new editions plus old favorites the line was wrapped around the corner. I waited with anticipation for the new Gravity Falls Journal #3. Would I go back, waiting on long lines, trying to get through the large crowds? You bet!

GAME CHAT

With Frank Cuoco and Connor Bolster

TODAY'S TOPIC: *BATTLEFIELD 1*



(Frank): Welcome back everyone. Today we will talk about the latest installment of the *Battlefield* series. The game is REALLY fun. It is the first shooter game with “boots on the ground” in 2 YEARS. I personally don’t have the game but I’ve played the beta and it was AWESOME. So, Connor what do you think?

(Connor): Well Frank, I didn’t get the beta but I finally got the game and I definitely liked the game instead of the cod. I feel like it is the best *Battlefield* out yet. So Frank do you agree with me on the price being fair of \$59.99?

(Frank): I would say that it is WORTH IT! The game is GREAT and the graphics are SUPER GOOD for the time of the Xbox One. The many different ways to attack and defend are ok but the game needs some DLC or a campaign to be fully complete.

(Connor): I feel that the game is fine the way it is, but it should include more classes to play as. The game’s graphics are great but the HUD could be bigger. The HUD is where all your ammo and health is displayed. Also I really like the new ride-on mounts, like horses and aircrafts. The game really puts me into the experience of World War I.

(Frank): “Yes the game is super cool but what about the weapons?” you may ask. The weapons seem balanced and alright. The game really puts on a challenge when you try to play with a sniper rifle. But the weapons are balanced in my opinion and they seem really “chill” to use and handle.

(Both): SEE YOU ALL NEXT ISSUE!!

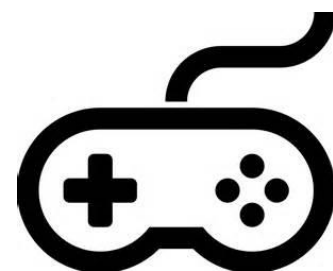
Video Games? Are They Really That Bad?

By Robert Graziano

Video Games are a huge part of today’s society are a huge industry, but to many parents, they are considered an antisocial, violent, and an addictive waste of time that encourages obesity. Even though many parents believe this, it’s not always accurate, and not the full story.

According to the Entertainment Software Association, 59% of Americans play video games. Although games have a bad reputation with health issues, some games have educational, physical, and psychological benefits for players. Games that use repetitive actions, such as the swinging of a bat or targeting a moving object, train the brain and muscles to perform better in real-life activities. They have the same effect as reading a book or riding a bike - thousands of new connections are being formed. The addition of a reward system motivates players to continuously improve their skills.

Fast paced games always have the player thinking. In real-life situations, active gamers have a better sense of what is going around them and are able to make decisions faster, according to scientists from the University of Rochester. Even though video games are thought to be a mindless form of entertainment, they can also be a power up for the gamers mind.



OPINION - Is School Helping or Hurting Kids?

By Jake Thompsett

It's a well-known fact that kids, old and young, despise school. From the dreaded homework to the nerve-wracking tests, school is not widely considered fun. But is school helping or hurting kids? Of course, school is very important. It gets us to college and prepares us for the "Real World." But kids always ask "When are we going to need this!" And, well, when is it? Of course mathematics help in daily life, and English and foreign language can help us speak and write more efficiently, but will we need to know the parts of a cell when doing taxes?

Many subjects in school are helpful on the tests. Imagine that if someone needs to pay off a mortgage, but they have no idea how. They can use their math skills. Another problem is school hours. School starts way too early, and ends way too late. When a kid becomes a teen, they need more hours of sleep each night. They want to go to sleep later and wake up later. But with homework keeping them up late and school starting so early, even the minimum eight hours are thrown out the window. When you were in elementary school, did you ever wake up at 6:00 AM with no problem? That's common, just like wanting to sleep in as a teen. Other than sleep, what other problems are there? Homework.

I think a lot of students will agree when I say homework really stinks. After all, we have six hours of work at school then we come home to do more work. That sure isn't very much fun. Add in the after school activities such as sports or clubs, and homework takes up most of our free time. Plus, how does it help? I know, practice makes perfect. But most homework nowadays is coming in stacks, and it's all busywork! Now, don't get mad. If you love school, that's fine. I like a bit of time away from home sometimes too. But sometimes, it's just too much. With stress from tests and no sleep from early hours, school can be hard. But it sure is important if you want to get anywhere in life. Here is a supporting article for homework.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/alfie-kohn/homework-research_b_2184918.html

Quotes from Students:

School can be helpful but sometimes it is a little boring.

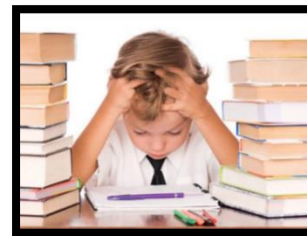
~Melissa L.

School is not fun but some things are helpful yet most of the things we do are useless, in my opinion.

~Hailey L.

I think school is fun. I don't really get that much homework.

~Jonathan C.



Contest Winners!

Mrs. Esposito's 3rd period, sixth-grade ELA class were the winners of the contest supporting "Library Card Sign-up Month". The class achieved an amazing 100 percent public library card sign-up rate. Congrats!



The Great Papyrus' Frozen Spaghetti! [clay] By Melissa Lubitz

In the popular videogame *Undertale*, there is a character called Papyrus. At first, he really wants to capture a human by leaving a trap of spaghetti. However, when he lays out the spaghetti, it freezes. I'll show you how to recreate the spaghetti out of clay!

You will need:

1 cup pale yellow clay
½ cup pale red clay
¼ cup light brown clay
½ cup light blue clay
¾ cup white clay
Sculpey gloss glaze



Let's make the plate first. Roll out the white clay until it is even and approximately ½ a centimeter thick. Take a large circle cookie cutter and cut in one smooth motion. To make the spaghetti, roll the yellow clay into a super long and skinny rope. Cut into long strands.

Now, lay down the spaghetti strands on the plate in an organized mess. To make the sauce, roll out the red clay till thin and lay on top. To make the meatballs, roll the light brown clay into several spheres. Texture as you wish. Once you do this, you are almost done.

Take the light blue clay, roll it out keeping it kind of thick. Cut into shards. Place on the bottom facing up. Take some Sculpey gloss glaze and coat it. Place in a 350 degree oven for 15 minutes. Allow to cool. Now you are finished! This is a kooky DIY that is super easy to make! NYEH HEH HEH

Upcoming MS Events

Dec 26 – Jan 2
Winter Recess

Jan 6
MS Spelling Bee

Jan 9
MS PTA Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Jan 17–20
MS Acceptance Week

Jan 19
MS Sports Olympics

Jan 25
MS Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction
7:30 a.m.



Original Artwork
By Emily Gargano

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Need advice? Submit your questions for the **Red Girl** to answer in our next issue of the **Redmen Reporter**. Write your letter and sign it with an alias (example: “Stressed Out 6th Grader”). Place your letter in the box at the school store or give it to Mrs. Avella in Room 116 or 118.

Dear Red Girl,
Why can the high schoolers have their phones out in lunch but we can't?
-The Not Popular 7th Grader Who's Lit and Be Ballin'

Dear Not Popular 7th Grader,
The high schoolers are older. In middle school, you still have a chance to talk with people and discover your social side. In high school it's pretty much too late for you, so you're allowed to have your phone out.

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Red Girl,
Well, I have this teacher, and she always tells me that I wear too “revealing” clothes. What should I do?
-Stylish Student

Dear Stylish Student,
Thanks for your question. There's a dress code in this school, and your teacher may think you're not following it. Keeping your fashion style in mind, maybe try to be a little more mindful of what you wear. Stay stylish!

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Red Girl,
Why won't my parents get me a dog? That's all I want for Christmas!

-Stressed out 7th grader

There is a lot to consider when determining whether you will get a dog or not. Dogs cost a lot of money – not just to buy them, but you also need to feed and take care of them. Maybe your parents will really look into it (not saying they will immediately buy you a dog, but they might be more considering) if you research what type of dog you want and why you want it. If your parent has an allergy (or is just weary of the shedding all over your house), it may be more convincing if you tell them “I want a Portuguese Water Dog because they are hypoallergenic (allergy safe) and don't shed much.” That shows that you are taking the dog responsibility seriously – and know what you are talking about. Best of luck to you, and Merry Christmas!

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Red Girl,
My friends are stealing from me. How do I deal with them?
-A BOI

Hello Boi. If your 'friends' are stealing from you, you may want to reconsider whether they're your friends or not. You've probably heard this before and are tired of the expression, but if you need professional help (a.k.a red girl) to deal with your friends, you may need to cut some ties. Cutting ties with people can be hard, but if you imagine what your life (or lunch period) would be like without them, you could be happier. If you do believe that these people are your friends, you need to have a talk with your parents, another adult, or your friends themselves. Best of luck!

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Red Girl,
Why is your name Red Girl?
-CROPPEDBEANTREVSPODPLAYZ

Well, Croppedbeantrevspodplayz, believe it or not, our school is mainly associated with the colors red, black, and white. Our school football team is also the Redmen. So it seemed very appropriate for me to be called the Red Girl. Good question, thank you!

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Red Girl,

How do you get all the legendaries in
Pokemon Sun and Moon?

-Cheekierto360

Dear Cheekierto360,

Let's explain to our readers what this question is about. According to nintendo.wikia.com, "legendary Pokémon are types of Pokémon species that appear in every Pokémon video game. They are rare Pokémon that are not only hard to catch, but can also be hard to find. Each game has a certain amount of Legendary Pokémon."

As long as you play through the Sun and Moon games, you will catch Solgaleo (in Sun) and Lunala (in Moon). You must become a champion by beating the Elite 4. Tapu Koko is automatically encountered in the ending sequence (you may see him again at the Ruins of Conflict).

Next, you will find Tapu Lele in the Ruins of Life on Akala Island in the post-game. Tapu Bulu is in the Ruins of Abundance. Tapu Fini is in the Ruins of Hope.

There are two forms of Zygarde, 10% and 50%. There are 100 cells all over the region to be collected. Zygarde must be assembled at the caravan on Route 16.

You know what Cheekierto360, there is way too much to go over here in this column. I just don't have the room to discuss ultra beasts! For more information, visit this website:

<http://www.serebii.net/sunmoon/legendary.shtml>

I hope this was helpful. Best of luck to you!

Your friend,

Red Girl

Hybrid Animals

By Emily LaMorte and Chelsea Dodenhoff

Scientists could someday bring us the creation of animals we could never imagine. By mixing different breeds of similar animals, we can create something called hybrid animals. We are not talking about the picture of a shark with horse legs, because that is just creative Photoshopping.

It's not very common, but a few animal species have been reconized as a result of hybridization. The Lonicera fly is an example of a species that resulted from natural hybridization. Some scientists believe the American red wolf appears to be a hybrid species between gray wolf and coyote.

There could be mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, insects, and even plants. An example of a hybrid animal could be a liger, a mix between a lion and a tiger. Here is a list of 10 other future possibilities:

- Liger: Lion and Tiger
- Zonkey: Zebra and Donkey
- Jaglion: Jaguar and Lion
- Geep: Goat and Sheep
- Grolar Bear: Polar and Brown Bear
- Wholpin: Killer Whale and Dolphin
- Beefalo: Buffalo and Cow
- Hinny: Donkey and Horse
- Dzo: Cow and Wild Yak

According to the NY Daily News, a "geep" was born at a petting zoo in Scottsdale, AZ back in 2014. She is a combination of a goat and a sheep and her name is Butterfly. Most goat-sheep hybrids babies do not survive because the two breeds have different chromosomes.

A "geep" was born in Arizona.
<http://www.nydailynews.com>



Field Hockey – a little history

By Taylor Sturtz



Field hockey is a very unique sport. Historians believe it was originally played in ancient Greece and Egypt. Drawings were found in the Ben Hasan tomb in the Nile Valley in Egypt. In the early 1900's, only men played field hockey. As this sport developed over time, men competed in the Olympics starting in 1908 in London. In 1932, the men's United States team won the bronze medal in Los Angeles.

For a while, field hockey was considered too dangerous for women. Eventually, women's field hockey came to the United States first but wasn't official. In 1980, women first showed their face at the Summer Olympics in Moscow. Field hockey is now played in 112 countries and is mostly known as just "hockey". It is now considered one of the top six sports in the world.

Field hockey is becoming more popular throughout the world. In most countries, both men and women play the sport. In the United States, however, it is mainly a female sport with most teams being at the high school or college level. In the US, only Massachusetts, Maine, and California have boys on girl's teams to compete with. Other states thought that it wasn't fair because they had an advantage with their strength to move the ball faster and farther to their teammates. Some states call it discrimination, having no male teams now but there were such teams in the past.

Here on Long Island, a boy from Southampton was permitted to play field hockey on a girls' team back in 2012. Keeling Pilaro made the varsity field hockey team at Southampton HS when he was in 8th grade. Prior to that, he played the sport in Ireland where he was born. The following year, he was told by Suffolk County's governing body of high school sports that he was not allowed to play anymore due to his advanced skills. His family ended up moving to Virginia where he was planning to attend a boarding school.

The Winner is...

By Maggie Ulrich

We finally found out who our next President will be after months of fighting, arguing, and twisted lies. Donald Trump will be our President for the next four years. Here is a little summary of the crazy roller coaster ride we had.

First there was Hillary Clinton, accused of deleting 33,000 emails. Then, there were all those attacks on Trump relating to the way he talks about women. There were three presidential debates that were watched by millions of people. We had a bunch of rallies too. After all that, the country voted for their new leader, Donald Trump.

A few opinions from students:

Sam Koslow, "I thought Donald Trump had every right to win. He met all the requirements met to be our president."

Tonee Marino, "I was happy and excited when Donald Trump was elected president."

Marie Tohill, "As a young woman growing up in the United States, I was devastated to see Donald Trump win the Presidency."



Important Dates in December/January:

Maulid al-Nabi 12/11/16
Hanukkah 12/25/16 - 1/1/17
Winter Solstice 12/21/16
Christmas 12/25/16
Kwaanza 12/26/16
New Year's Day 1/1/17
Martin Luther King, Jr Day 1/16/17
Inauguration Day 1/20/17
Chinese New Year 1/28/17



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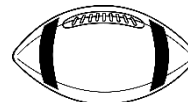


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Fall Sports Wrap up By Pj Thompson



As the fall sports season concludes, we can be sure that all of the athletes from soccer, football, field hockey, cross country, gymnastics and tennis have done their very best. They all have achieved great accomplishments this year at East Islip Middle School. We have heard from their coaches about their competitive spirit and great teamwork.

The EIMS girls' soccer team completed yet another undefeated season, playing the toughest schedule they have had in several years. All of the players contributed to the success of this team. Whenever the team was faced with adversity, the girls were able to come together to ensure another win. Coach Huether said, "I could not be more proud of this team. They are not only excellent soccer players, they are excellent human beings. We are more like a family than a team."

The EIMS boys' soccer team also had a great season. The boys played extremely hard and showed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Coach Croteau said "This was a great group of boys and we had a lot of fun."

The varsity gymnastics team had 6 students from the middle school. Two of them are 7th graders, Nicolynn LaPenna and Evie Orlando. The other four girls are 8th graders: Cassie Bergin, Alyssa Carey, Emma Jakits and Emma Missig. Coach Jones said: "The team had a successful season with the middle school students contributing on a daily basis to the team unity and team scoring. Each and every middle school student competed in at least one competition." Evie Orlando, in her first season as a Varsity athlete, was an All-County qualifier and competed in the Individual County Championships on November 11th at Babylon High School.

Coach Longobardi said "The boys and girls Middle School Cross Country team had an outstanding season." The boys' team was led by Ryan Smith, Josh Terhune and Jayshawn Wilkes. The girls' team was led by Joy Peterson, Mercy McDermott, and Sarah Haanraads.

The girls' field hockey team had a great season with a record of 8 – 2. They were led by co-captains Meghan Garnett and Sophia Worst. Coach Krawchuk is very proud of this group, especially considering that it was the first time playing field hockey for over half of the girls on the team.

The boys football team won four games this past fall and only lost two to rivals Sayville and Islip. Quarterback Ryan Glennon was a standout player. All 3 teams scored well (A, B and C). Coaches Heaton and Lavey are looking forward to next year.

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The girls' tennis team had an outstanding season, led by Michelle Mirabelli, Danielle Catanzarite, Samantha Seibert, and Melissa Kinnear who outlasted every one of their competitors in their desire to compete. We had many points that were won by Kelcie Alba's and Gabby Agro's consistent serving during their matches. Eighth graders, Danielle Muroff, Olivia Zhang, Ariana Silverman, and Isabelle Carlozzi showed tremendous determination in every match they played. Next season's team shows tremendous promise by seventh graders Haley Mierzejewski and Olivia Mc Bride, who both dominated their doubles and singles matches. Hanna Bohlsen has tennis playing experience and will be one of the top players for East Islip next year. Bethzabe and Bethzaida Lemus, twin sisters gained valuable tennis experience this year and will be a fabulous doubles team players in the 2017 season. Once again, the girls' tennis team will be recognized for the third year in a row as the Suffolk County Sportsmanship Award winners.

EIMS Girls' Tennis Team



Christmas Crossword

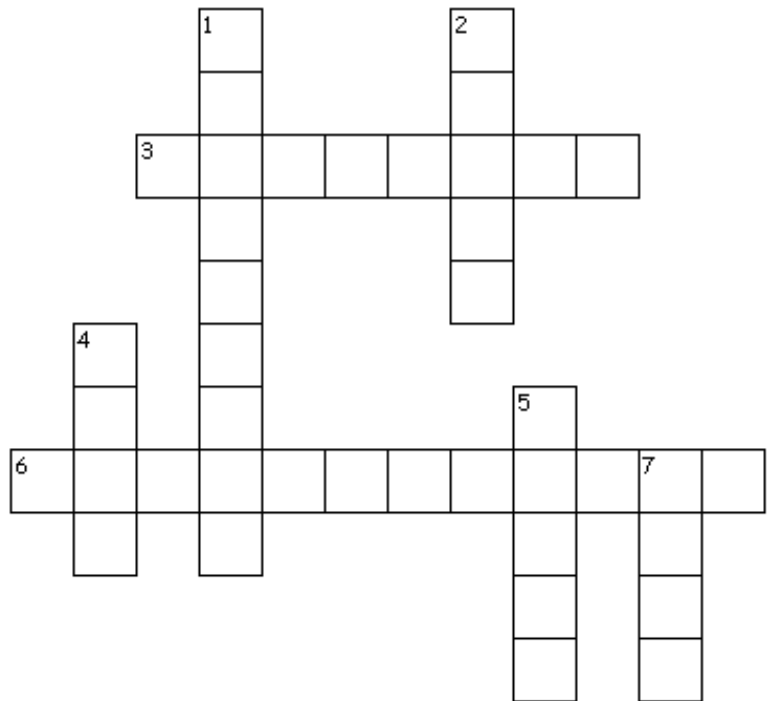
By Markus Higgins

Across

- 3. Given to you on Christmas
- 6. Hot milk with chocolate

Down

- 1. Warmth and flames are here
- 2. Fat, jolly, old and gives you presents
- 4. Cold, white powder
- 5. Santa's helpers
- 7. Tall, green, plant

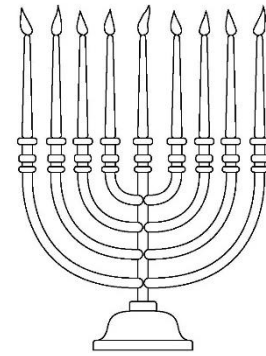


Reindeer Games
By Chelsea Dodenhoff



Hanukkah Word Search

By Markus Higgins



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- DREIDEL
- EIGHT
- GIFTS
- HANUKKAH
- HEBREW
- HOLIDAY
- JEWISH
- LATKES
- MACCABEES
- MENORAH
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Winter Word Scramble

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