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April: Autism Awareness Month
By Emily Gargano

April is *Autism Awareness Month* and the focus of the month was to inform and bring attention to one of the fastest growing developmental disorders, autism.

From April 18th to the 22nd, our school celebrated Autism Awareness. Throughout the week, bracelets were handed out at the Best Buddies booth and students were given raffle tickets. There was a winner from each grade. On Tuesday of that week, there was a mystery speaker and students who completed the slip had a higher chance to getting selected for spinning the “Wheel of Pie” (see photos). On Wednesday, students and staff were encouraged to wear tie-dye to raise awareness and support. On Thursday, students were asked to complete a puzzle with peers. If they got it correct, they would learn a fact about autism and their names were entered in Friday’s raffle.

Friday was the big day - the “Wheel of Pie” was spun in each lunch period! Students were selected by raffle to toss a pie in the face of Mr. Bernard or Mr. Stanton, who were both great sports about it.





Summer DIY's

By Emily La Morte

Here are some easy DIY crafts to work on this summer.



These friendly cactus plants can cheer up any room. All you need to do is get some paint [white and another color of your choice], some mini flower pots, soil, and some cute little cactus plants. Paint the pots a color of your choice and add a friendly, white message [optional]. Fill the pot with soil. Carefully place the cactus plant in the soil and give it water about once every two weeks. There it is - a colorful plant to pop out practically anywhere!



The next project is a necklace made of bobby pins that you can make easily. Just find a thread or cord to use for a necklace. Next slip the bobby pins on the thread as seen in the picture to the left (they come in different colors). Tie the thread and put it around your head. That's it. Simple right?

This is a homemade bird feeder. Take a toilet paper roll and cover it with peanut butter. Then sprinkle birdseed and some nuts on it. Lastly, put a string or thin rope around the bird feeder and hang it up where the squirrels can't get to it.



Source: allfreecraftsforkids.com

Universal Yums

By Kelcie Alba

As a person who loves to learn about different countries, I love Universal Yums. Universal Yums is a website where you can sign up to receive snacks from different countries.

In February I received snacks from France. They had "Mini Madeleines" in a bag, which are sponge cakes. They were so sweet and practically fall apart in your mouth. In March I received snacks from the Philippines, and they had very *interesting* snacks. I don't suggest trying "Golden Sweet Corn". In April, I received Poland. It's interesting to see how all of the packaging is written in Polish.

There are two options to choose from: the *Yum Box* (6 or more snacks per box for \$13) or the *Yum Yum Box* (12 or more snacks per box for \$25). Next, you enter your subscription information. Finally, you get the box at your door!

If you're interested to try what people from other countries eat, go to www.universalyums.com and sign up.



Summer Fun By Taryn Kilrain

Do you want to have a fun summer? In this article will discuss life hacks, DIYs and what do to when you're bored. First things first, you don't want to be bored, do you? It's your choice.

The DIY project is Sprite gummy bear ice pops. You will need a can of Sprite and a Popsicle mold. Pour the Sprite into the molds and add a few gummy bears. Put them in the freezer for several hours or overnight. Enjoy! ☺

The life hack is for the beach. This hack is used to hide your small personal belonging so someone does not steal it. First, clean out a bottle of lotion, or sunscreen. Put your phone, keys, money, credit cards, or anything small. People will think it's just sunscreen or lotion. Who would want to steal lotion? At the end of the day you'll be happy.



<https://www.pinterest.com>

Bored, Bored No More Suggestions From Students

Toniann Santamaria- make memes and T.V show marathons

Kelcie Alba- watch anime and eat (food)

Hailey LaMacchia- sing and go swimming with friends

Marie- talk to mom and find something to do

James Mendolia- play video games and hang with friends

Sarah Haanraads- go outside and play with her cats

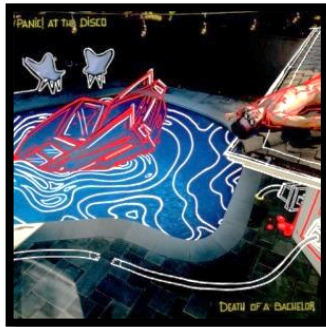
Taryn Kilrain- do diy's, clean my room, play with my brother, and play with my pets

Jenna Thompsett- go outside with my dog (sunny day) and play a board game with my family (rainy day)

Ella Micalizzi- go camping and hang with friends and family

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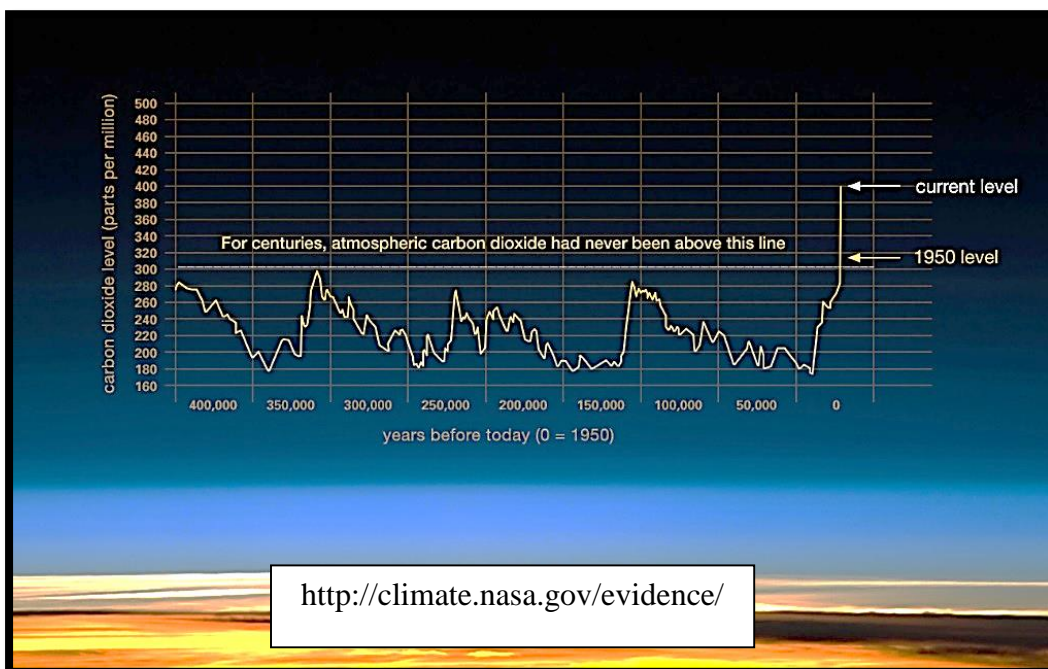


Music Review: Death Of A Bachelor By Sarah Piccinini

Panic! At The Disco came out with their new album on January 15, 2016. It was a huge hit among fans. It has already become number one on the U.S billboard 200 chart. The album features some of their hit songs such as “Emperor’s New Clothes” and “Don’t Threaten Me With A Good Time”. You might recognize this band from their hit song “I Write Sins Not Tragedies”. To summarize, this album was a great start to 2016 for Panic!

Global Warming By Sarah Haanraadts

Are you wondering why we have been getting less snow and warmer weather than usual? The answer is because of global warming. Global warming is created by greenhouse gases. These gases damage the ozone layer. The ozone layer protects us from harmful rays such as ultraviolet rays. Some scientists say that global warming is responsible for melting at the North and South Poles, which may result in oceans rising. The ocean water is also becoming warmer. Rising sea levels could flood coastal areas. People have the ability to stop global warming.



Overcoming Obstacles: a personal story about Eric Smith

By Ava Smith

Eric Smith was just your average all American guy until the day that changed our lives. In July of 2010, my dad got into a horrible accident. The police interviewed my mom, dad and the rest of my family at the time but never me or my brother. I want to tell my memories of that day.

My family had our annual Fourth of July party on July 3, 2010. My friend and I were by the pool in my backyard when I heard fireworks going off out front. For some reason, one of them didn't sound right. A few seconds after that, all the adults were running into the front yard. My mom was yelling to call 911 and my friend's dad yelled to get ice. So, of course, I did what they said. The 911 operator was confused and told me to call back with a real emergency. The ice eventually started to melt. My friend and I went toward the front yard but were told to go in the back stay there for a while.

After more than an hour, we were able to go inside the house. Through the front window, I saw a police car, a helicopter and a fire truck washing the street. I sat on the couch with my mom and my brother. She said no one can turn on the TV, read the newspaper, or even look at their phones for the next two weeks. She was gone a lot over those next two weeks so my brother and I stayed at my grandma's house. During that time, I thought my dad was at work.

The night I came home, my mom, grandpa, grandma, brother, brother's mom, and aunt were in my room. My mom told me that my dad had an injury and he lost his left arm and that I wasn't able to see him yet because it was too grim for kids. When my brother and I were finally able to see him, we gave him little pieces of home to make him feel better. I gave him a huge teddy bear and my brother gave him a LEGO figure with one arm. All I remember from the hospital visit is that the doctor said if my dad was even a little shorter he would have died. He spent 13 days in the hospital.

For the first few years after losing his arm, my dad was embarrassed to even walk around the house. Now, his favorite shirts are sleeveless and he even goes to the beach without a shirt. My dad still says he has a "phantom pain" which means all his nerves think his left arm is still there. He feels an itch on the left arm that he can't scratch. The smell of gunpowder makes his heart race so we go camping every 4th of July where fireworks are not allowed.

My Dad does not sit around feeling sorry for himself anymore. He went zip lining this past October. He has also hung shelves, built garages, and put up a fence all by himself. Our family is very proud of how he has recovered from this tragic accident. We are grateful that his injury was not worse and that no one else got hurt. I have come to appreciate what I have in my life more so because of this incident.



Sixth Grade Assembly, May 2016

By Wendle Huang

Chris Poulos is a stunt bike rider and motivational speaker who goes from school to school to talk about his life and his experiences. Chris was diagnosed with ADHD as a child but was able to find an outlet for his energy and creativity by performing bicycle stunts.

On May 10, 2016, he came to EIMS to speak to the sixth graders. He talked about how to be a better person while he performed astounding stunts on his red stunt bike. He told us about respect and how it affects us and other people. The sixth graders learned about how to get respect. If you want to get respect, you will have to respect others.

We all look forward to his next visit. For more information, visit his website:
<http://www.chrispoulos.com/>



From his website: “All told Chris has won 85 worldwide competitions, but he is best known for winning the 1991 Bicycle Stunt World Championships in Denmark at age 20. Chris also won the 1990 and 1991 National Bicycle Stunt Championships in the United States. He retired in 1992.”



Anime

By Kelcie Alba

Many people wonder what anime is. Other people have watched one episode of it and just hate it because it's animated, or according to 7th grader Justin Martinez, “it's really weird.” But, if you're like me, you are a big anime fan. Well, my friend, if you don't know what anime is, or heard of it and are extremely confused, let me educate you.

According to Wikipedia, “Anime is Japanese hand-drawn or computer animation. The word is the abbreviated pronunciation of ‘animation’ in Japanese, where this term references all animation without regards to the nation of origin. Outside Japan however, anime is used to refer specifically to animation from Japan or as a Japanese-disseminated animation style often characterized by colorful graphics, vibrant characters and fantastical.”

There are many different animes to fit your style. There's romance, comedy, horror, mystery, etc. You can find anime on Netflix, Crunchyroll, and other apps and websites. You can either read the subtitles or listen to the English dub. I have to go now - the next episode of Deathnote is on!



Earthquake in Ecuador

By Kaitlyn Donnelly

On April 16, 2016, there was a devastating earthquake that had a magnitude of 7.8. It was followed by over 55 aftershocks in the first 24 hours. President Rafael Correa declared a state of emergency and dispatched 13,500 military personnel and police officers to help with recovery. Ecuador is located on the west coast of the continent of South America. It's the fourth smallest country in South America.



The death toll reached 661 from this earthquake. According to the website, earthquake.usgs.gov, Ecuador lies above a boundary where the Nazca Plate is subducting beneath the South American Plate. Subduction is a geologic process in which one edge of one crustal plate is forced below the edge of another. The coastal parts of Ecuador and Colombia have a history of great mega-thrust earthquakes originating from this plate boundary.

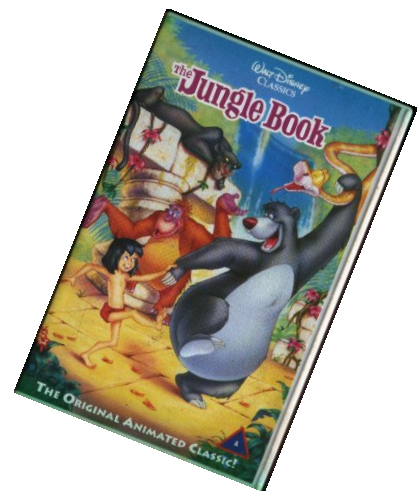
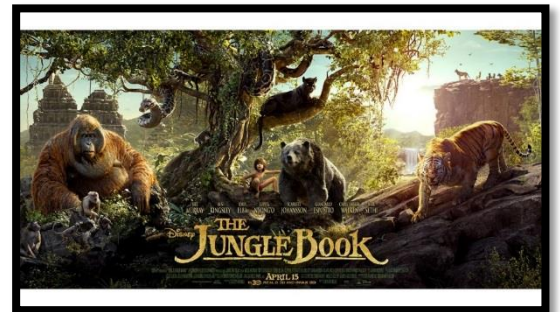
We can help out after earthquakes happen by sending experienced search dogs and rescue teams to go into the dangerous environment to try and find survivors. People also start campaigns and fundraisers to provide food and shelter for those in need. Earthquakes are a natural disaster and cannot be stopped for now, but we can still help to make Ecuador recover from this horrible disaster.



The Jungle Book

By Julian Covarrubias

The *Jungle Book* is a live remake of the original animated movie from 1967. It was inspired by a collection of stories written by English author Rudyard Kipling. The movie is about a boy named Mowgli who lived in the jungle instead of a house with a family. Until the age of 10, Mowgli thought his family was a pack of wolves who raised him from a baby. His best friend was a bear named Baloo. There are other characters such as Kaa the python and King Louie the ape. They both sought to manipulate Mowgli for their own personal gain rather than treat him as a member of their family. If you want to see the movie, it is in theaters now.

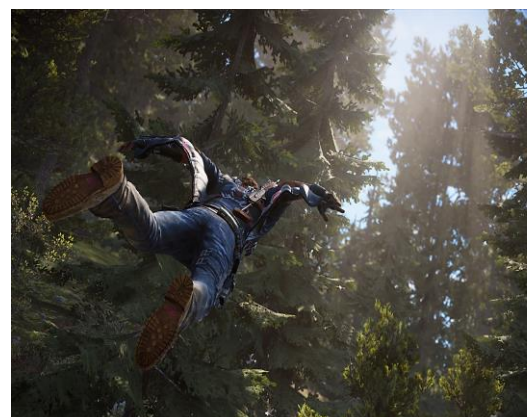
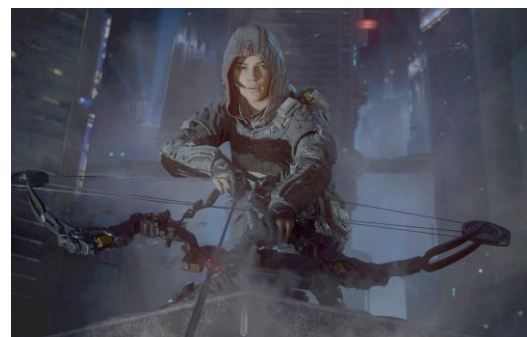


Review: Top 5 Best Games of 2015

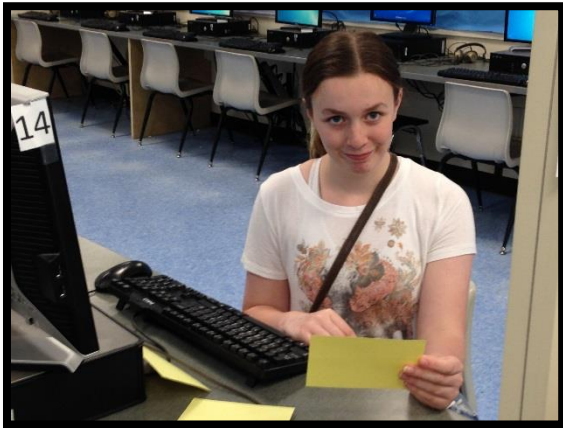
By Justin Martinez

Are you a big gamer and you want to get some new games to play over the summer? Then here are my top 5 favorite videogames of 2015 that you can buy right now.

1. **Fallout 4** – This is an amazing open world game with hundreds of things to do. You can do side quests, customize your character or go and explore the ruins of a post- apocalyptic Boston going on your own adventures. I definitely recommend this game it is fun and addictive with countless things to do.
2. **Splatoon** - This Nintendo game is a fun game the whole family can enjoy. The objective is to cover the arena with your team paint. Whichever team controls more of the arena at the end of the round wins.
3. **Star Wars Battlefront** - If you're a fan of Star Wars then this is the game for you, but it is also a fun and exciting game for everybody. In the game, it is player vs player while living out the thrilling Star Wars experience. You can live out your adventures as you go across the Star Wars universe. However, you do need Xbox Live gold or Playstation plus if you want to play multiplayer. Other than that it is an amazing experience that I know you will enjoy.
4. **Call of Duty Black ops 3**-In Black ops 3 you get to play as a soldier in the distant future. This means you get to use futuristic technology like jump packs or boots that let you run on walls. There are also three different modes for you to enjoy including campaign, multiplayer and zombies.
5. **Just Cause 3** - Just Cause 3 is a third person open world adventure game that lets you fly around in a wingsuit, and grapple onto buildings. This game also allows you to destroy buildings and other things in your environment.



The Big Reveal!



Dear Red Girl,
Why is the homework load so heavy? I feel that I am always up way too late completing it. Do you have any tips?

-Banana Boy

Dear Banana Boy,
 The teachers are giving everyone a lot of homework because they want us to review everything that we learned in class. Furthermore, finals are in a few weeks and we need all the practice we can get. The only tips I have for homework is break it down into small parts. It is a lot easier to tackle multiple small challenges than one giant challenge.

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Red Girl,
Why can't we use our phones in lunch if we already can't use them in classes?

-Puzzled Student

Dear Puzzled Student,
 We can't use our phones in lunch because, if someone takes your picture unknowingly and posts it on social media, people can use it to make fun of you. Cyberbullying is already a big problem. If we give these bullies more opportunities to attack, it would be a nightmare. Phones during lunch just can't happen.

Your friend,

Red Girl

Dear Readers,

As you know the Red Girl column started 2 years ago. Well, I'm here to tell you that I, Shannon Dodenhoff, am Red Girl! I am in 8th grade so I will be heading to high school next year. However, this year I have been training other reporters of the newspaper staff to take over. Who knows who the new Red Girl will be?!

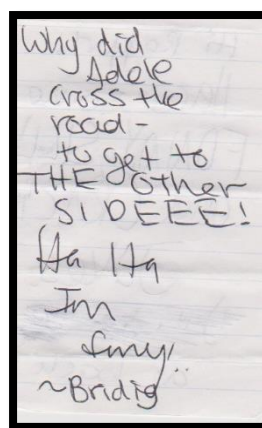
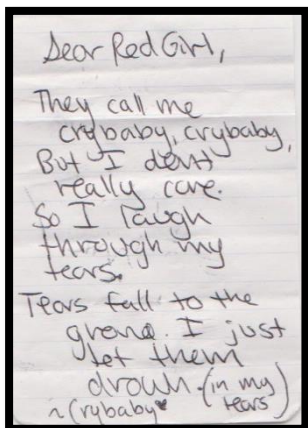
Thanks readers - it's been fun!!

Your friend,

Red Girl

(Shannon Dodenhoff)

Contributions from our readers:
 poetry, art and comedy



Fun with Puzzles and Comics

Word Search – Baseball

By Joseph Graziano

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Solution to Math Squares

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Summer

By Markus Higgins

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Math Squares: The Final $\frac{1}{4}$ By Markus Higgins

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Directions:

- Try to fill in the missing numbers.
- Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.
- Each number is only used once.
- Each row is a math equation. Work from left to right.
- Each column is a math equation. Work from top to bottom.
- Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

Solution is on page 10.

Comic Strip: Scaredy Cat, By Kelcie Alba



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