



Masthead design by Joelle Tomossone

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Backyard Bash

By: Anna Langman and Emma McGaugh

As most of you know, the eighth grade backyard bash is coming up very soon; it is on June 22nd right after the language finals from 10 am to 12 noon. The rain date is the June 23<sup>rd</sup> after the eighth grade social studies final. Most kids are extremely excited to hang out with their friends for the last time as eighth graders; there will be food, games, and entertainment. The food includes hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken and Italian ices. The games consist of giant checkers, a blow-up maze and a wrecking ball game to try to knock your opponent off their podium. There will also be a DJ. We hope you enjoy the backyard bash!



Source: <http://broadcaststudents.net>



### Raspberry Lemonade

#### Ingredients

1 cup rinsed fresh raspberries (6 oz.)  
2/3 cup sugar  
1 cup lemon juice  
2 cups water

#### Preparation

In a small bowl, with a potato masher or spoon, mash 1 cup rinsed fresh raspberries (6 oz.) with 2/3 cup sugar. Let stand 10 minutes. Press through a fine strainer into a pitcher (at least 1 1/2 qt.); discard seeds. Stir in 1 cup lemon juice and 2 cups water. Taste and add more sugar if desired. Pour into tall, ice-filled glasses.

<http://www.myrecipes.com>

# Finals Week - ERGGGGGGGHHHHH

By Marie Tohill

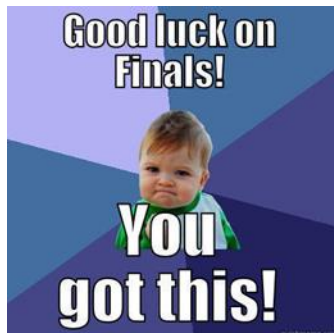
As much as you hate finals, you cannot opt out of them, like you can with the also-dreaded state tests. There are two choices when it comes to finals, study and boost your grade as much as you can, or wing it and drop your grade greatly. A final exam grade equals one fifth of your final course grade in that subject. That's good! If you get high grades all year round and get lower than expected on the final, you still have a great chance of passing. On the other hand, if you have low grades all year round, studying for the final as much as you can will benefit you amazingly.

My teacher Mrs. Halloran (who is in for Mrs. Claiborne) gave us an amazing study schedule for Team Onyx and I wanted to share it with you. It was created by Mrs. Hummel from Team Ruby. This schedule applies to the whole sixth grade, and can be modified for seventh and eighth graders.

The weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup>, it is suggested that students start studying whatever notes your teacher provides.

**Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>** – Spend **at least** a half hour on each **math and science**.

**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** – Spend **at least** a half hour on each **social studies and ELA**.



Source: <http://hdimagelib.com>

## Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>

- A.M. ~ 8-9 Wake up and eat.
- A.M. ~ 9-10 Math
- A.M. ~ 10-11 Science
- A.M. ~ 11 – 12(P.M.) TAKE A LUNCH BREAK!!!
- P.M. ~ 12-1 ELA
- P.M. ~ 1-2 Social Studies
- P.M. ~ 2-4 RELAX (Zzzz)
- P.M. ~ 4-6 Dinner (suggested)
- P.M. ~ 7-9 Go back to math

## Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, Math Final

- Sleep to 8:30 am
- A.M. ~ 8:30-9:30 Get Ready! (Breakfast, etc.)
- A.M. ~ 9:30-12:00 Get in some more math studying!
- A.M. ~ Arrive around 12:30 for the math final
- P.M. ~ 6:00-8:00 Once you get home, make sure you get in some science studying!

## Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, Science Final

~ Complete the same schedule as Thursday; just insert science in the morning and ELA in the evening.

## Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, ELA Final

~ SAME ROUTINE! Study ELA before your final and social studies after.

## Tuesday, The 23<sup>rd</sup>, Social Studies Final

~ SAME ROUTINE! Insert social studies at beginning and when you get home, RELAX! Oh yeah, make sure you eat food too.

**Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>**, is a make-up day.

If you go by this schedule, you should definitely score big on your finals! Some more tips: reward yourself for your hard work by getting something good at the store like fro-yo. Another good tip is to make a test yourself with a computer. It is really fun, and helps you hit two birds with one stone. Be sure to play around with fonts and pictures, to jazz it up. Now, good luck on your finals! Au Revoir!

## Bracelets For Someone Special By Emily Gargano



On May 19, 2015 students and staff received bracelets with smiley faces on them. They were handed out in honor of Mrs. Rauh, our beloved 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher who passed away in September in the beginning of the school year. Every time she signed something, she added her signature smiley face. She was thinking about giving them to her students at the end of the school year to remember her. The teachers thought they should give them to everyone. They come in lots of different colors and they have smiley faces on them to remember her happiness. Mrs. Rauh was recently honored by the EIMS PTA with a Lifetime Achievement Award. She is missed by all.



## North Shore Animal League: The #1 No-Kill Animal Shelter

By Phoebe McCann

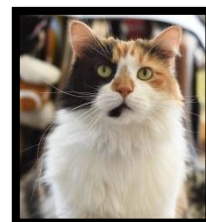
Do you have a pet? Do you want an amazing pet? Do you ever think about the animals in shelters that are being killed because no one wants them? Well, at North Shore Animal League, you don't have to worry about dogs being put down.

At North Shore Animal League, people are devoted to saving and helping any animal in need. It is the #1 no-kill animal shelter in America. The staff members at the shelter are happy to help when it comes to finding the perfect pooch.

From pit bulls to Chihuahuas, they have many different of breeds of dogs. You can even find your own furry feline. The dogs and cats are walked, fed, bathed, and happy. All they need now is a loving owner or family.

The adoption process does not take too long. First, you walk around looking to see if any pet catches your eye. After you have found a candidate, you can have a handler take him/her out of the cage and into a room to meet each other. If you have any other pets, ask to do a meet and greet with your current pet and the soon to be new pet. Then, if they get along, you fill out papers including a reference. You write down someone's name and number and they call that person to verify that your personal information. Finally, you pay an adoption fee and wait about 15 minutes for them to process the paperwork. They give you a little goody bag with a coupon and a leash.

When you finally convince your parents to adopt a pet, remember the poor pets in the shelter wondering what they did to deserve being locked in a cage. Their only thoughts are that they want some company and a loving family.



# YouTube : Marie's Boredom Killers #21

By Marie Tohill

Many people enjoy YouTube and love having an inside look at popular vloggers' lives. There are also comedy skits and musicals on "the tube" that many people enjoy too. One vlogger I would definitely recommend is Ricky Dillon. Ricky definitely makes me smile in front of my screen. I enjoy Ricky's collabs and weekly vlogs.

If you'd like to travel to Brighton, located in the U.K, I recommend Zoella, also known as Zoe Sugg. She creates daily vlogs featuring her significant other, Alfie Deyes, A.K.A PointlessBlog. She is one of the rising stars of YouTube, and she has a great sense of fashion too! She enjoys collabing with her close friends, Louise Pentland, Tyler Oakley, Troye Sivan, and Alfie Deyes.

From Ricky Dillon to Zoe Sugg, there's a YouTuber out there for you!



Source: <http://writerswin.com>

## What is a vlogger?

The term "vlogger" is a portmanteau of the words video and blogger. A vlogger is someone who posts embedded videos regularly to their blog, in addition to or in place of text and other content. Some vloggers post videos that feature themselves or have been recorded independently, while others might post videos within a certain genre such as humor, science, or sports.

Source: <http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-a-vlogger.htm>

## Summer Reading at EIMS: Info supplied by Ms. Ware, EIMS Librarian

Required for students entering 6th Grade: **Wonder**, by P.J. Palacio

Required for students entering 7th Grade: **Schooled**, by Gordon Korman

Required for students entering 8th Grade: **The Outsiders**, by S.E. Hinton

There will be a list of recommended summer reading books posted on our website soon for students entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Check it out!



## Long Island Summer Fun

By Joelle Tomossone

Looking for a blast this summer? Be sure to catch one of these displays:

**“Big Bang”**, Free Fireworks Displays

- \*July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks @ South Bicycle Path Farmingville @dark
- \*July 4<sup>th</sup> Great South Bay @9:30p.m. view from Bay Shore Marina
- \*July 4<sup>th</sup> Umbrella Beach @9:00p.m. view from any Montauk beach
- \*July 4<sup>th</sup> Pennysaver Ampitheater @ Bald Hill, Selden 9:30 p.m.
- \*Tuesday, July 16, John J Burns Park @7:30 p.m Merrick Rd, Massapequa

Don't let the weather get you down, get up and do something:

**“Rainy Days”**, Get free passes at the East Islip Public Library (call for details)

1. Cradle of Aviation
2. Long Island Children's Museum
3. Vanderbilt Planetarium and Museum
4. Children's Museum (East End)
5. Intrepid (NYC)

Use your “noodle”, make a splash on Long Island this summer. Check out one of Long Island's beautiful beaches or stay cool at one of our sprinkler parks:

**“Splash Around”**

1. Robert Moses, Babylon
2. Jones Beach, Wantagh
3. Smith Point, Shirley
4. Shipwreck's Cove @ Bay shore Marina
5. Tanner Park, Copiague
6. Venetian Shores Park, Lindenhurst



What could be better than shopping?  
Shopping outside on a beautiful day!  
**“Get your SHOP on”**, Outdoor markets

1. Westbury Market Fair @ NYCB Theater, 960 Brush Hollow Rd., Westbury open Sat & Sun 8a.m.- 4 p.m.
2. Tri County Unique Bazaar, 3041 Hempstead Turnpike, Levittown, open every day, except Tuesday and Wednesday
3. Wantagh Flea Market, 333 Sunrise Hwy, Wantagh, open Saturdays 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.
4. Bellmore Flea Market @ Bellmore train station, open Sundays 6 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Do you really need much convincing to sing along, under the stars, for *free*?

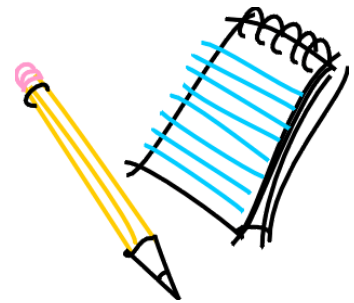
**“Let's Get Musical”**, Free Summer Concert Series (Contact location for details)

1. Town of Islip (free summer concert series)
2. Eisenhower Park, East Meadow
3. Tanner Park, Copiague
4. John J. Burns Park, Massapequa
5. The Giant Garage Sale Store, 512 Horseblock Rd, Farmingville, open Sat & Sun 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.

When you're bugging your parents and they tell you to “take a hike”, check out one of these hiking trails: **“Take a hike”**

1. Bayard cutting Arboretum, Montauk Hwy, Oakdale
2. Cathedral Pines County Park, Yaphank/Middle Island Rd, Middle Island
3. Caumsett Historic State park, Lloyd Harbor Rd. Lloyd Harbor
4. Connetquot River State Park , Sunrise Highway, Oakdale
5. Gardiner County Park, Montauk Highway, Bay Shore

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# Fun with Puzzles!

## Word Search: SUMMER

By: Sam Stember

G W C S U B Z T A R R P Z S M  
N U F K B Q S L D F T I W P U  
H W N L O O H C S O N I J P D  
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Y P A H R G F V P R P B S N A

BEACH  
CAMPING  
HOT  
SPORTS

BEES  
FLOWERS  
NOSCHOOL  
SUNNY

BIKERIDING  
FUN  
OCEAN  
SWIMMING

# Word Search: June

By Markus Higgins

H C O O L G S G X Y R L X M O  
 D S L W G F D L A U E O Z W F  
 X Q A J U J B D V J G O B Z F  
 V X Z B X Z S A X J E H C I M  
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BACKYARD BASH  
 BEACHES  
 ENDOFSCHOOL  
 FATHERS DAY  
 FINALS  
 FLAGDAY  
 REGENTS  
 SUMMER

Maze: Beach Ball  
 By Markus Higgins

# Crossword Puzzle: Fun

By Joseph Graziano

Across

- 2. they bloom in the summer.
- 4. they pollinate flowers
- 5. a place to go in the water
- 6. It shines to light up the sky

Down

- 1. The break after school
- 3. what you swim in

