



Masthead design by Emily Gargano

School Musical: **Once on this Island, Jr.**

By Shannon Dodenhoff

The EIMS school play is coming! If you want to see these show-stopping students tell the story of Ti Moune, played by Melanie Arma (last year's Annie), come either February 6th or 7th at 7:00 pm. Other cast members are Nicholas Cicali, Thomas Locke, Kaitlyn Rice and Kathryn O'Neill as the story tellers; Danielle Muroff as Little Ti Moune; Meghan Walsh as Mama Euralie; Connor Barnes as Tonton Julian; Daniel Beauxhomme played by Kieran Tohill; Andrea Deveraux played by Kayla Cappe; Papa Ge played by Jake Barsch; Agwe played by John LaFrancesca; Alexa Bertolini playing Asaka; Hannah Christy playing Erzulie; and so many more talented students.



“**Once on This Island** is a musical with a book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty. Based on the 1985 novel *My Love, My Love; or, The Peasant Girl* by Rosa Guy, it is set in the French Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean Sea. The show includes elements of the *Romeo and Juliet* story and elements of the Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale *The Little Mermaid*. It concerns a peasant girl on a tropical island, who uses the power of love to bring together people of different social classes.”
(summary from wikipedia.org)



Ticket Info: Once on this Island, Jr.

- February 6 and 7, 2015
- EIMS auditorium, 7:00 pm
- Tickets are \$9.00 each, assigned seating
- Cash or check made payable to “East Islip School District”

See a music teacher for tickets or buy at the door.

Cast Interviews: Once on this Island, Jr.

NAME: Danielle Muroff
GRADE: 6
ROLE: Little Ti Moune

Q: Is this your first play? If not, what and how many other plays have you done?

A: No, I was in **Wizard Of Oz** in elementary school.

Q: Are you at all nervous?

A: Yes I am very nervous.

Q: Describe your character in 3 words:

A: My character is sad, energetic, and eventually happy.

Q: Describe the play in 3 words:

A: It is lively, beautiful, and filled with dancing.

Q: Are you ready?

A: Yes I am ready.

Q: Will the story be inspirational?

A: I don't think so.

Q: Do you like cats or dogs?

A: I love dogs, and I have 2 dogs.

NAME: Kieran Tohill
GRADE: 6
ROLE: Daniel Beauxhomme

Q: Is this your first play? If not, what and how many other plays have you done?

A: No, I have done 5 other plays: The Mitten, The Elephant Child, The Funny Little Women, Strega Nona, and Willy Wonka.

Q: Are you at all nervous?

A: No.

Q: Describe your character in 3 words:

A: A. Massive. Jerk.

Q: Describe the play in 3 words:

A: An unheard musical.

Q: Are you ready?

A: Yes.

Q: Will the story be inspirational?

A: Somewhat.

Q: Do you like cats or dogs?

A: Both.

NAME: Kayla Cappe
GRADE: 7
ROLE: Andrea Deveraux

Q: Is this your first play? If not, what and how many other plays have you done?

A: No, this is not my first show. I've been in many other shows; some of my favorites are Annie and Footloose.

Q: Are you at all nervous?

A: No, I'm not nervous at all.

Q: Describe your character in 3 words:

A: Snobby, rich, mean.

Q: Describe the play in 3 words:

A: Fun, colorful, tropical.

Q: Are you ready?

A: Yes.

Q: Will the story be inspirational?

A: I think it is very inspirational.

Q: Do you like cats or dogs?

A: Cats.



Look for more coverage of **Once on this Island, Jr.** in our next issue!

Who's Your Valentine?

By Maggie King

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! What are you going to do to decorate your house or room for this BELOVED holiday? What are you going to give to that special someone in your heart? Maybe you're not the arts-and-crafts kind of person but if you're a baker, I have a recipe for you! Keep reading because this article is packed with LOVE!

This dessert is super yummy and easy to make! It is nut-free as well.

Recipe: Easy Marshmallow Valentine Treats

Ingredients:

- Strawberry Marshmallows (you can use any flavor marshmallows or even regular ones)
- Chocolate Chips (it will be melted, so choose your brand wisely)
- Little red, pink or white nonpareils or sprinkles (to sprinkle over the melted chocolate) (optional)
- Toothpicks with decorative paper hearts (optional)

Steps:

- 1) Stick the toothpicks into the marshmallows (optional).
- 2) Put ½ cup chocolate chips in a microwave-safe bowl and heat it at 50% power for 1 minute; remove and stir. Return it to the microwave and repeat, stopping to stir every 15 seconds to prevent scorching.
- 3) Stir the melted chocolate chips until smooth. Wait a couple of minutes for it to slightly cool.
- 4) While the melted chocolate is still warm, dip the marshmallows into it and place on wax paper.
- 5) While the chocolate is still warm, sprinkle festive colored nonpareils or sprinkles to give it a special touch (optional)!
- 6) Place into refrigerator until the chocolate has cooled.
- 7) ENJOY!!!!!! 😊

Recipe from <http://atlantawithkid.com>



Craft: Conversation Rocks

That special someone would love something homemade because it comes from the heart, and because it took effort to make it!

Supplies:

Paint and brushes (you can also use paint markers)
Rocks (they can be bought or you can find nice, clean ones in your own backyard!)

It really is quite simple: choose a rock and paint whatever you want on it.

Here are some ideas on what to paint: a heart, the person's name, a quality about the person (such as kind, sporty, brave), a message ("Valentine, You Rock!")

If you want to get really fancy you can add other items such as, glitter, pom-pom balls or anything else and glue it to your rock for a special touch!



**Interview with Tom Cilmi,
Suffolk County Legislator,
10th District
By Joelle Tomossone**



Tom Cilmi is a hard-working, determined person. He puts a lot of effort into making this community better. Legislator Cilmi represents the 10th Suffolk County Legislative District (L.D.) which is located mainly within the Town of Islip with a small part in the Town of Brookhaven. I had the honor of interviewing him on December 29, 2014.

Legislator Cilmi went to The New York Institute of Technology, where he majored in Business and Marketing. He and his wife Anna have been

married for 27 years and they have two children, Stefanie and Thomas. As a Suffolk County Legislator, Mr. Cilmi takes on many responsibilities. Some of these include constituent services, law making and overseeing the budget, which means he has to closely read books, some of which are as big as five bricks put together.

Sometimes being a Suffolk County Legislator can be frustrating. For Tom, it is when a majority of legislators don't agree with his perspective. Also when there is someone who needs help and he is unable to help them. Usually people look at frustration as a bad thing, but Tom uses it as motivation to do better. He has been in politics since 1992. Before entering politics, he owned his own printing company. Mr. Cilmi was interested in this job because he saw a lot of things wrong with local government and wanted to fix it.

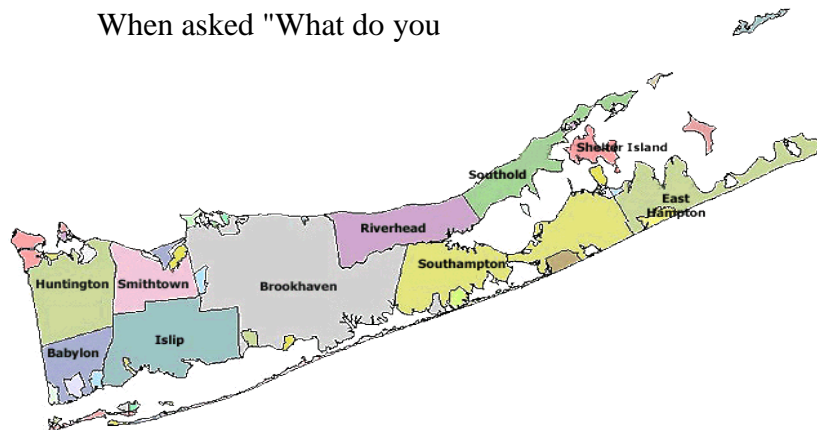
The thing he likes most about his job is he gets to help people and make an impact on the future of Suffolk County. If Tom could change one thing while in office, it would be to reduce the amount of crime. When asked "What do you

think can be done in our community to make it better?" he responded, "More people should be involved in scouting, because the lessons taught will help them to become better citizens." Additionally, "Parents should be more involved in their children's lives as parents, not friends. We should all learn to have greater respect for each other and the law. All should be active in the fight against alcohol and drugs."

If you are someone interested in getting involved with politics when you grow up, here is some advice Legislator Tom Cilmi would give:

- Enjoy people.
- Be open to criticism.
- Be a good listener.
- Bring experience with you.
- Be involved with your community.
- Love your job.
- Be ready for hard work.

After talking with Suffolk County legislator, Tom Cilmi, I have a better understanding of what he does, and who he is as a person. He values his family, community and the law. I appreciate his time and willingness to talk to me.





Tech News: The Apple Watch

By Joseph Graziano

In March, people will be able to wear the newest smartwatch, the Apple Watch.

Apple revealed the watch when they released the iPhone 6. Apple said the device will start at about \$350 and will have 3 models: Standard, Sport, and Special Edition.

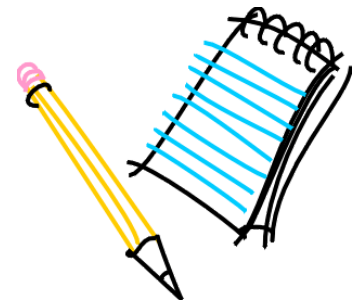
The watch, says Apple, will have features such as an accelerometer, gyroscopes, and sensors to monitor people's vital signs. You can also hook up your iPhone with the watch for GPS and Wi-Fi from the iPhone.

World News: New Zealand Skydivers Bail Before Plane Crash

By Robert Camlet

On January 7, 2015, all 13 people on board a small plane, including the pilot, parachuted to safety before the aircraft crashed into a lake on New Zealand's North Island. The plane was taking them for a skydive over Lake Taupo when it started having engine problems. No one was seriously injured. The plane was carrying six crew members who jumped with the six passengers strapped to them as planned.

"All parachutes including the pilot exited the plane and landed safely," the statement added. One witness told local media he heard a loud bang and then saw skydivers leaving the plane.



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Recipe: Snowball Cookies

By Katie Schaefer

Ingredients:

3/4 C butter

1/2 C sugar

1 egg

2 tsp vanilla

2 C sifted flour

1/2 tsp salt

2 C. finely chopped pecans
powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and sugar together. Stir in egg and vanilla. Beat until fluffy. In a separate bowl, mix together flour and salt. Cut flour mixture into creamed mixture with 2 knives. Stir in nuts. Shape into small balls about 2/3 of an inch in diameter. Place on baking sheet and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. When cookies are cool, roll in sifted powdered sugar.



Dear Red Girl,

I stink at singing but I'm in the play.
What do I do?

-Stressed Out 7th Grader

Dear Stressed Out 7th Grader,

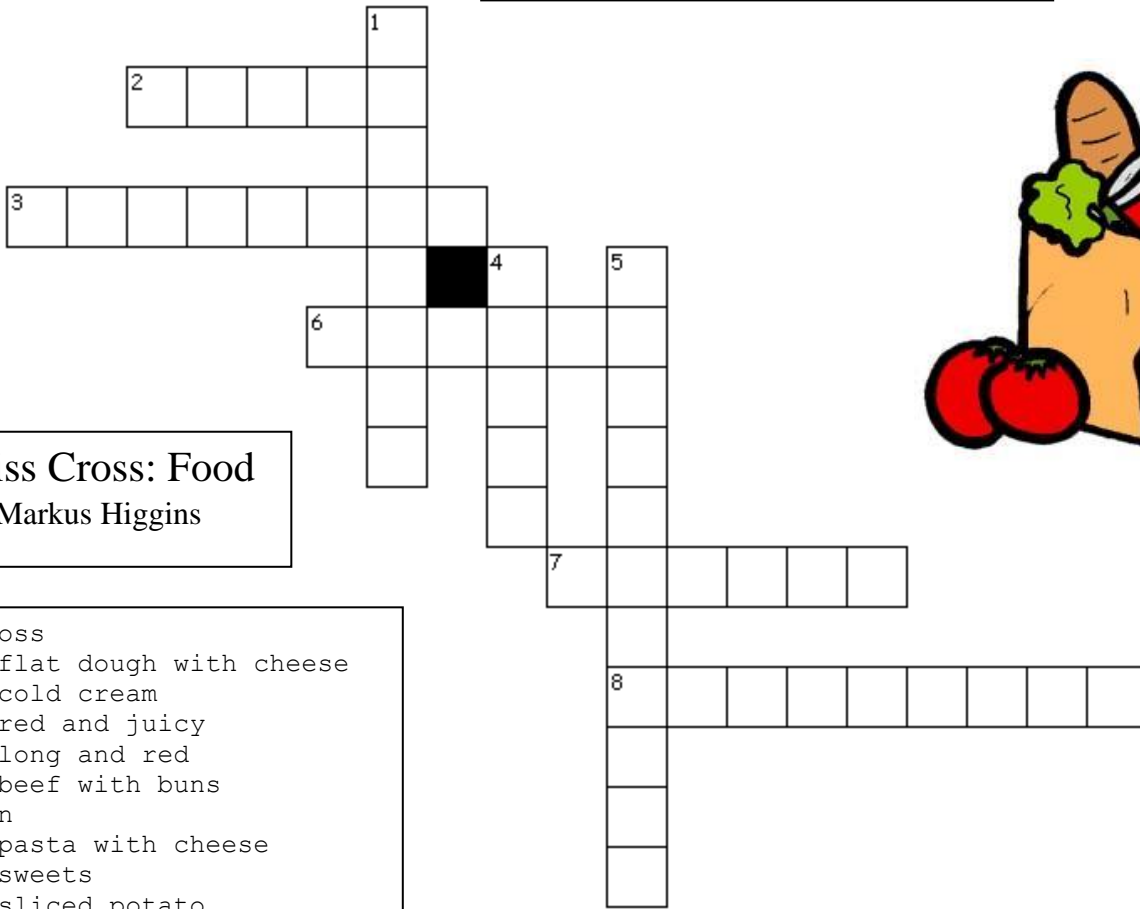
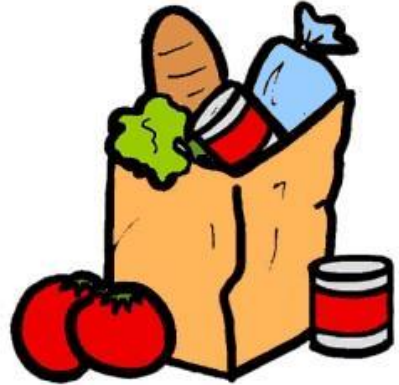
You had to audition with a song to get cast in the play. Many students try out and are cut so that should make you feel better. Mr. Murphy must think you are a good singer if he put you in the play. If you still think you are a bad singer, just practice more until you are pitch perfect!

Your friend,

Red Girl

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 envelope on the door of Room 118.

Fun with Puzzles!



Criss Cross: Food

By Markus Higgins

Across

- 2. flat dough with cheese
- 3. cold cream
- 6. red and juicy
- 7. long and red
- 8. beef with buns

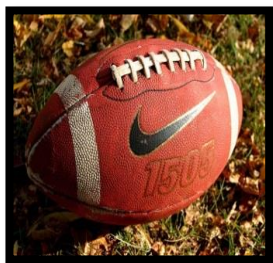
Down

- 1. pasta with cheese
- 4. sweets
- 5. sliced potato

Word Search: FOOTBALL

By Sam Stember

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- FOOTBALL
- GIANTS
- JETS
- REFEREE
- SACK
- TACKLE
- THROW
- TOUCHDOWN
- YARDS



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Word Search: The Message

By Markus Higgins

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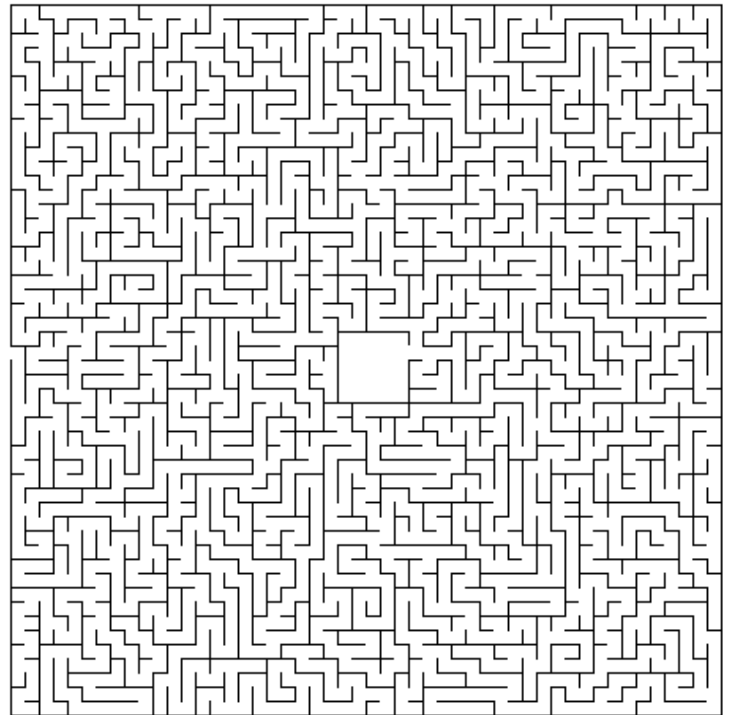
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Maze: Walls in the Way

By Markus Higgins



Answers to Criss Cross on previous page:

Across

- 2. pizza
- 3. icecream
- 6. tomato
- 7. hotdog
- 8. burger

Down

- 1. Macaroni
- 4. candy
- 5. potato chips