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RANDOM RAMBLER

SCIENCE FAIR

7th Grade Results:

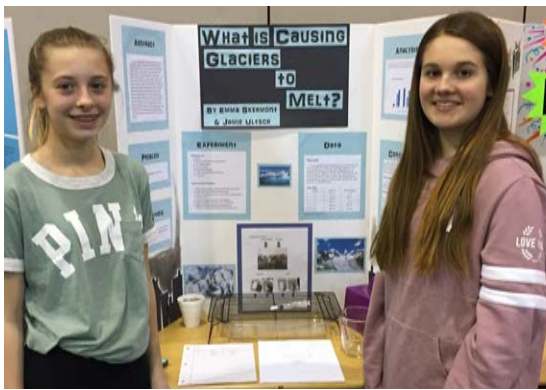
- 1st: Paige Loveric
- 2nd: Adam Jones and Chris Tavenner
- 3rd: Abby Barton
- 4th: Hailey Jenkins
- 5th: Denise Fox and Adriana Hoover

8th Grade Results:

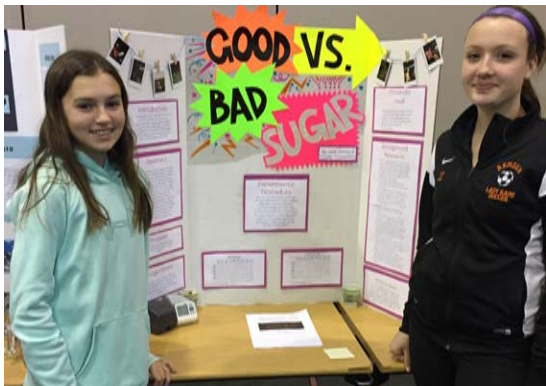
- 1st: Morgan Jones and Chelsea Barnhart
- 2nd: Emma Skermont and Jamie Ultsch
- 3rd: Jade Dening and Madelyn McCormack
- 4th: Katelyn Griffith
- 5th: Dan Lehman and Ryan Graves



Additional congratulations go out to Adam, Chris, Paige, Jade, Maddie, Emma, Morgan, and Chelsea for qualifying for the Utica College Science Fair.



Jade and Maddie's project won the Dr. Lawrence Aaronson Award for Biochemistry- a special award for the best project in the fields of biochemistry or microbiology at Utica College.





This year's weather
has severely
affected the Spring
Sports schedule!

Read the next
issue for more
coverage on
this year's
Spring Sports!

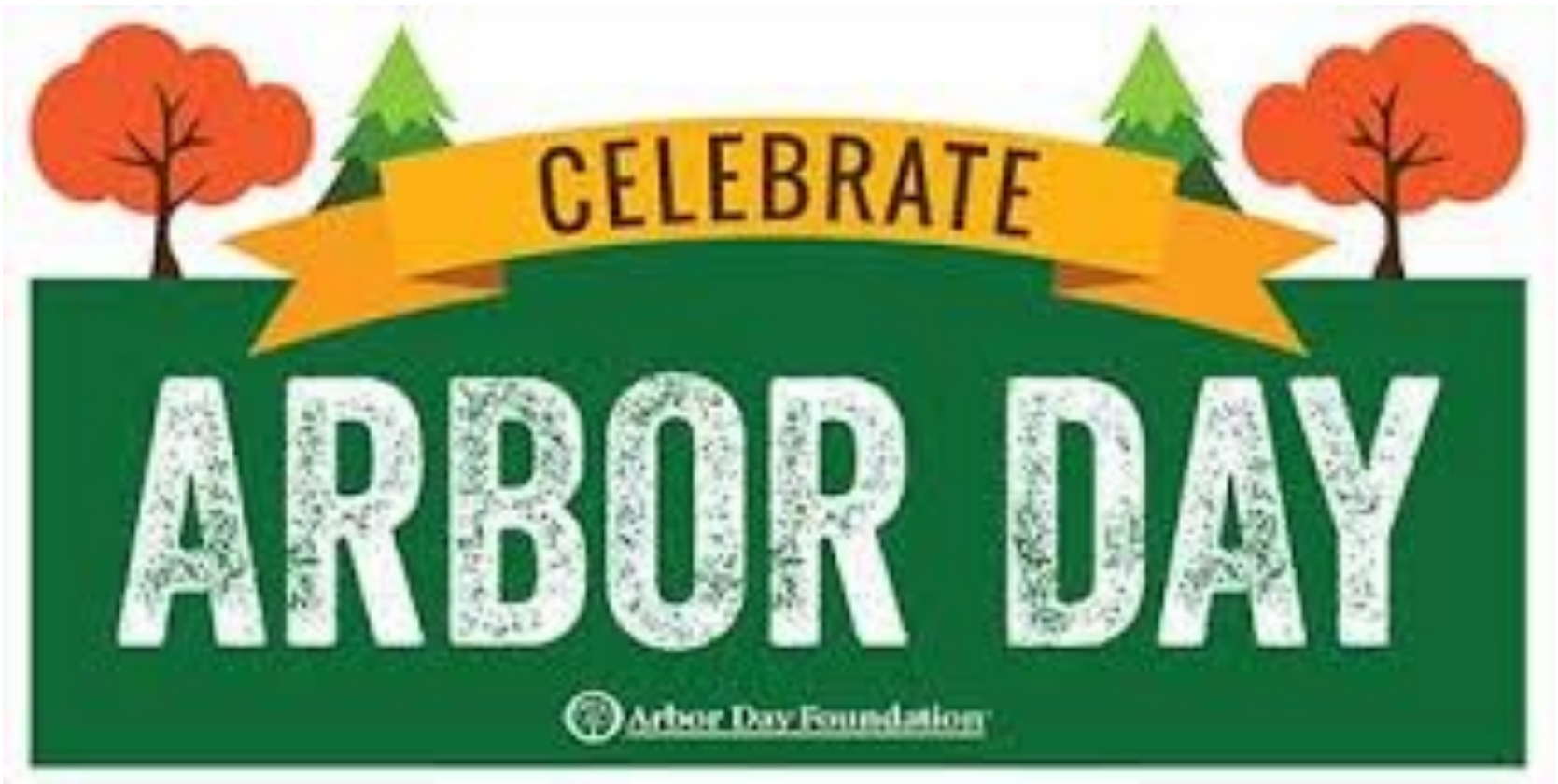


Varsity Softball
2 Wins~8 Losses

Varsity Baseball
1 Win~8 Losses

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

On Friday, April 28th Remsen Elementary School held an Arbor Day celebration. During the celebration the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout, Dakota Flagler, and Girl Scout Addison Tessmer. Samantha Boucher read a poem, followed by Arborist guest speaker Mr. John Gates. Ethan Karis shared Arbor Day facts. Sabrina Gates and Benjamin Staskoski read an Arbor Day book. Mr. Bernard Davies led the Arbor Day presentation. Mrs. Beth Meeusen led the closing song. All Remsen students planted seedlings. The seedlings were donated by the Saratoga Tree Nursery and the soil was donated by the Remsen School staff. The Remsen Recess staff and the Remsen Jr./Sr. High School Child Development class assisted the students in planting. Special thanks are extended to Mrs. Amy Williams for her organization and planning of the Arbor Day Celebration.



REVIEWS

MOVIE

LA LA LAND

With its amazing visuals, captivating narrative, and phenomenal music, *La La Land* easily deserves all of its awards it received. It starts with Mia, a woman in California desperately trying to get a part in a movie. When she meets Sebastian, a musician, the two of them grow closer helping each other find their way to success. Director Damien Chazelle does an amazing job at creating a “feel good” film with music that will take you back to another time, and he developed characters that you will instantly connect with. With their incredible acting, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone create a feel to the movie that makes you fall in love with it. If you’re looking for a movie to make your night, I suggest *La La Land*.

-Amanda Bolos



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BOOK

CRUSHING ON THE ENEMY

Crushing on the Enemy, by Sarah Adams, is the first book in the *Crushing on You* series. It’s a fun, light hearted book that focuses on the lives of two high school students. Alyssa lives a life that most high school girls would love to have. She is captain of the cheer squad, popular, and her crush has recently asked her out. Sadly her happiness is quickly destroyed when her friends and her crush turn on her and she goes from one of the most popular girls in her senior class to a laughing stock. Jake is a football player from Alyssa’s rival school who is depending on a football scholarship to get into college. The only problem is he plays for a losing team. Jake’s home life is not so cheery either with his mom gone and his dad who never got over the fact that she left. Jake’s bitter dad has forbidden him from dating in high school, which Jake never really had a problem with, until Jake meets Alyssa and all bets are off. The only question is, will Alyssa and Jake be able to withstand the odds and make it as a couple?

-Olivia Hajdasz



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Remsen Stop and Shop Hours

7:30-7:40 A.M.

Mid-Morning Break (9:26-9:36 A.M.)

5th Lunch (11:07-11:37 A.M.)

6th Lunch (11:51 A.M.-12:21 P.M.)

Directly after school as needed
(See Mrs. Smith)

105th Remsen Alumni Dinner

The Remsen Alumni Association (RAA) will host the 105th Annual Alumni Banquet on Saturday, June 3, 2017 in the Remsen High School Gymnasium. The Banquet will celebrate the graduating class and honor them as they prepare to move to the next chapter of life.

WHAT'S TRENDING?

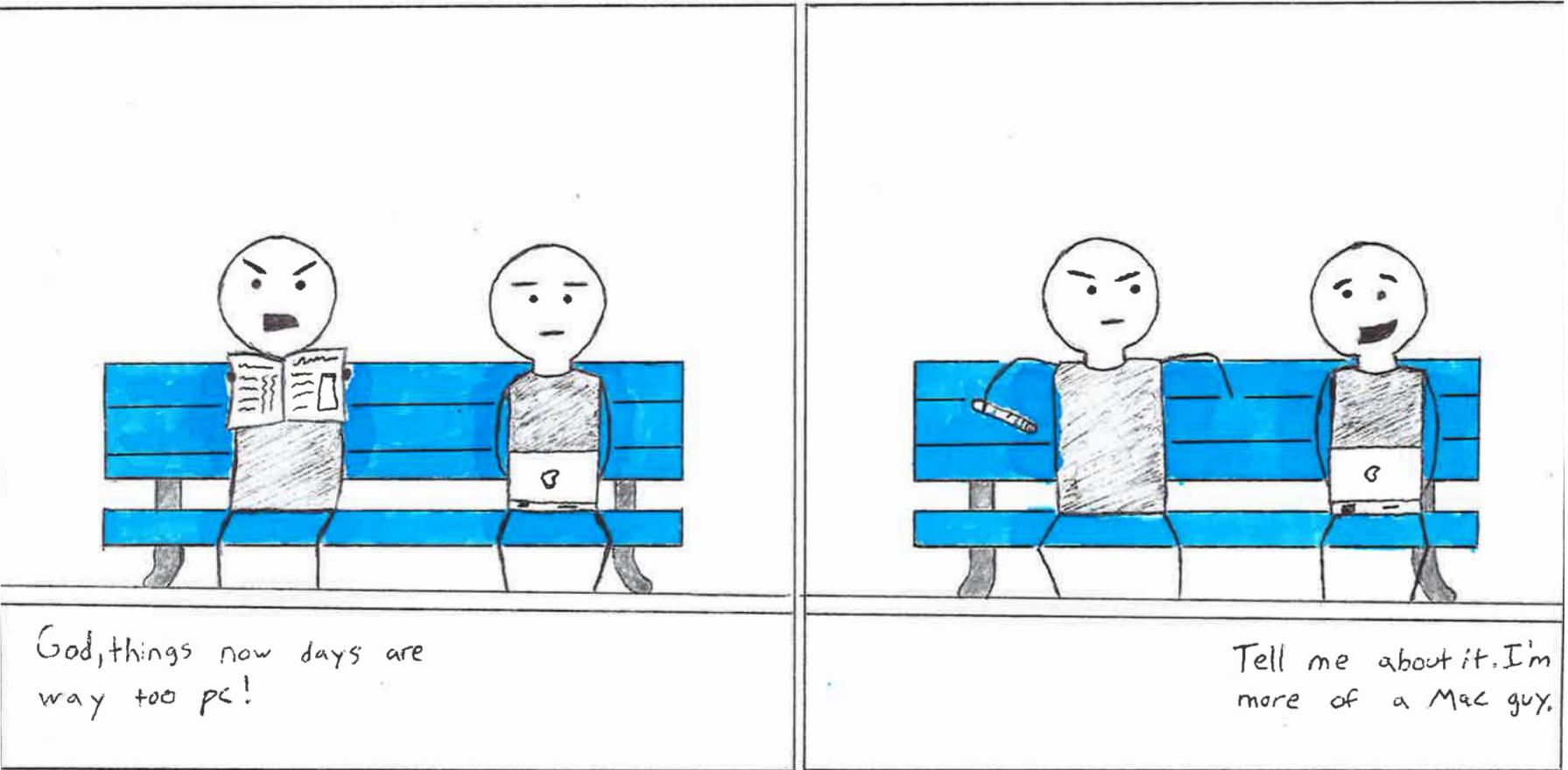


It's spring! For students, the month of May often brings an array of emotions. While the pressure of exams and responsibilities seem to weigh us down, there are also many things to look forward to during the spring. This season brings perfect skylines of green foliage against a bright blue sky, coupled with tulips and daisies and other flowers budding at our feet. Mother Nature has a triumphant return and the world seems new and fresh. With all of this rebirth, another tradition comes along... Prom! It's a time when the girls wonder who could possibly take them to the big dance and the boys, well, they don't seem to care as much. Limousines, corsages, the perfect dress, and thousands of other bullet points to check off before the night they probably won't remember in just a few short years. I've heard about all of the trends, what to wear or what not to wear. Frankly, everyone would probably have a much better time if we change our mindset.



-Samantha L. Boucher

COMICS



Artist: Connor Gallagher

Yearbooks are in! The price has been reduced to only \$50!
Don't miss your chance to purchase one!



See Mr. Haynes with any questions

FROM THE KITCHEN OF MRS. OBERNESSER

Greek Pasta Salad

MAKES: 10 servings

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 10 min. Cook: 15 min.

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups uncooked spiral pasta
- 1/2 an English cucumber, sliced
- 1/2 jar roasted red peppers, sliced
- 1/2 jar artichokes, drained and cut in quarters
- 1 tomato, seeded and chopped
- 1/3 cup pitted kalamata olives, sliced
- 1 cup spinach
- 1/4 cup red onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1/2-3/4 cup Greek dressing (more or less, if needed) I use Symeon's

Directions:

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cold water.

While pasta is cooking, prep all other ingredients, minus the dressing, and add to a large bowl.



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Elementary Students attend NYSSMA Solo Fest

The weekend of April 29th and 30th, five elementary students went to NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) solo fest. Representing the elementary school were:

Kira Hall on trumpet

Benjamin Staskoski on trumpet

Carolynn Kemp on flute

Sabrina Gates on voice

Olivia Rzepka on voice

All students did an outstanding job and received some excellent comments from the judges!

5th Grade Class Writes Letters to have Recess Reinstated

Mrs. Piaschyk's 5th grade ELA class just finished writing letters to the Board of Education requesting to reinstate recess for 4-6 grade students. Their letters included research as to why recess is essential. They will be presenting to the board in June.

7th Grade Spanish Students Make Aprons

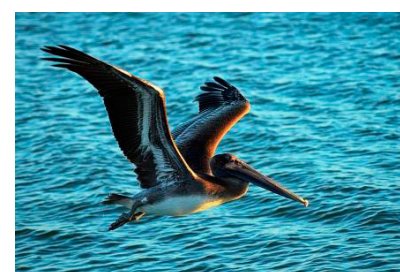
Ms. Izzo's 7th grade Spanish class studied a unit on food and as a project students were challenged to make aprons. Pictured below is Randell Dolly as well as the entire Spanish class.



WHERE'S YOUR NEXT TRAVEL DESTINATION?

Over spring break, I went on vacation with my family to Sanibel Island, Florida. I've been going there every year for 14 years. My family and I stay in a condo for a week; we really enjoy the weather. Sanibel is a very small island, but it is very beautiful. It's right on the Gulf of Mexico and is three miles wide and 12 miles long. There are no traffic lights, no billboards, no buildings over three stories tall, and no neon signs. It is the shelling capital of the world so you can always find tons of beautiful and unique shells along the beach. There are only 6,500 people who live on Sanibel's small 12 mile stretch of land which makes the island a great place to relax. Sanibel has a huge wildlife preserve; it's a 5,200 acre piece of land that is a refuge to thousands of animals such as birds, alligators, fish, manatees, and many other types. If you ever find yourself looking for somewhere to go in Florida, I suggest visiting Sanibel Island. You definitely won't regret it.

-Amanda Bolos



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MINDGRAM TIPS

During a large portion of the month of February, the senior class took on Mindgram, their senior project. Mindgram is designed to simulate what a working business is like out in the real world. There are three positions per company: manager, financial accountant, and production planner. Together you and your company overcome obstacles, put out reports, and make presentations all while creating a product and trying to make a profit. Every student begins the project by going through a business interview with one or more interviewers. After this step, the teams are picked, jobs assigned, and the game begins. Various teachers and professional people help you along the way, but it is really up to you and your team to stay organized and keep moving forward. Regardless of the help and added bonuses that come with Mindgram (getting to miss class for "official Mindgram business," pizza parties, etc.) it is still one of the most stressful times of senior year. You have to get everything in on time, put out daily reports, keep track of ILRs (Individual Labor Rates), all while keeping up with your school work, sports, clubs, and getting the recommended 8 hours of sleep...



Tips on how to survive Mindgram:

- Take it seriously (it is for a grade after all) but not too seriously!! Don't let it consume your thoughts every second of the day.
- **KEEP ORGANIZED!!!!** Designate a folder and notebook to write things down, do calculations, and keep track of all the papers you will inevitably be getting
- Choose an idea you feel passionate about and would take advantage of if you were given the opportunity. Your team has to come up with an original idea to sell with your products, make sure it's something that you can talk about for a long time.
- Have fun with it! Be on a team with people who you get along with, make flashy business cards, and make interesting business deals with other teams. It's meant to not only help you learn but for you to have some fun!

-Julia Roos

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL DOMINATES SECTION III CLASS D FOR 4TH YEAR



The Varsity Volleyball team ended their stellar season with a record of 18-3 overall and dominated the Section III Class D finals winning their 4th consecutive title. Seniors Madison Cyr, Elisha Hamilton and Julia Roos were named to the Center State Conference League All Star Team. Alexis Perket and Alexis Tartaglia were both selected for honorable mention to the All Star Team. Congratulations Lady Rams on a season well played.



As a perfect culmination to their winning season, Varsity Volleyball Coach Greg Roos was named Coach of the year for Section III, Class D and Co-Coach of the year, Section III, all small schools. Congratulations Coach Roos!

REMSEN HIGH SCHOOL

THIRD QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 7

Abby Barton
Randell Dolly
Adriana Hoover
Paige Loveric
Mason Natalini
Samantha Nichols
Ryan Staskoski
Christopher Tavenner
Jessica Rimmer
Hailey Jenkins
Denise Fox

Grade 8

Chelsea Barnhart
Jade Dening
Railey Ehart
Morgan Jones
Madelyn McCormack
Emma Skermont
Jamie Ultsch
Dakota Darling

Grade 9

Sydney Boucher
Gavin Green
Sapphire Pett
Michael McCormack
Thomas Natalini III
Amber Palen
Michael Roberts
Kirsten Waterbury
Breanna Williams

Grade 10

Hannah Allen
Charles Appleton IV
Christa Fransman
Hunter Jones
Wyatt Jones
Daniel LaPlante
Griffin Murray
Brynne Myers
Branden Rimmer
Elise Thompson

Grade 11

Molly Barton
Samantha Boucher
Rachel Carrock
Brooke Green
Olivia Hajdasz
Tayah Hummel
Diana Kaufman
Megan O'Brien
Jeffrey Klossner
Alexis Tartaglia
Miranda Rueger

Grade 12

William Rowlands
Elisha Hamilton
Alexander Marfone
Marc Roberts



HEATH AND WELLNESS NEWS

Our Health and Wellness Team, here at Remsen Central, saw many shrinking staff members... As winter SLOWLY melted into spring so did our waist-lines.

For six weeks, 31 of our health conscious staff decided to take the challenge of our very own Biggest Loser Contest. Staff bought-in and worked their way to a healthier body by making healthy food choices and exercising. With weekly incentives for the Biggest Loser of the week and people doing everything from Jillian Michael's, the gym, Yoga, running, walking etc., a total of 168.15 pounds were shed. We lost everything from one pound to twenty pounds and some decided to keep going! Congratulations to all of our Biggest Losers and keep striving to FEEL your best for a healthier you.

-Mrs. Hamlin



SAVE OUR WILD LIFE!

Many people go to the zoo and observe African Elephants, tigers, giant crocodiles and other exotic and interesting creatures. What if someday soon this spectacular opportunity was snatched from our fingertips? According to *The Atlas Of Endangered Species*, wild tigers will be extinct by the year 2020. This is due to *poaching*, illegal hunting, of endangered or protected species. The population of African Elephants is also rapidly decreasing due to poachers' addiction to ivory elephant tusks. The endangerment of the Vaquita Porpoise and Totoaba fish go hand in hand. While Totoaba fish bladder fetches a very high price and a "good" reason for poaching, the now rare Vaquita Porpoise serves no obvious use to illegal fishermen. When the huge nets ensnare these beautiful creatures, the fishermen allow them to die on the decks and then haul away the bodies. There are only 100 Porpoises left in the world and the six foot Totoaba fish is now a rare and protected species in its native Mexican waters.

Vaquita Porpoise



In addition to animals, the also widely diverse plant kingdom is experiencing many environmental fallouts. The Virginia Round Leaf Birch is a tree that was thought to be extinct, but in 1975 was rediscovered and is now protected and grown in greenhouses in order to reestablish the wild population. Many North American plants face soil pollution which has been a problem for decades.

How To Help:

- You can help to improve our environment every day by doing simple things.
1. Take shorter showers to help save water.
 2. Turn off the lights when you are not using them to save electricity and stop pollution.
 3. Don't litter! Stop leaving trash around for an innocent animal to pick up and eat.
 4. Tell your community about endangered species, the more people that can help the better.

-Paige Loveric

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

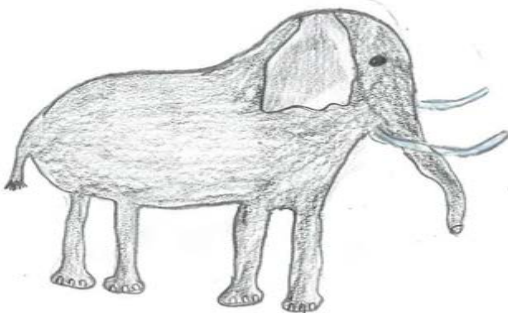
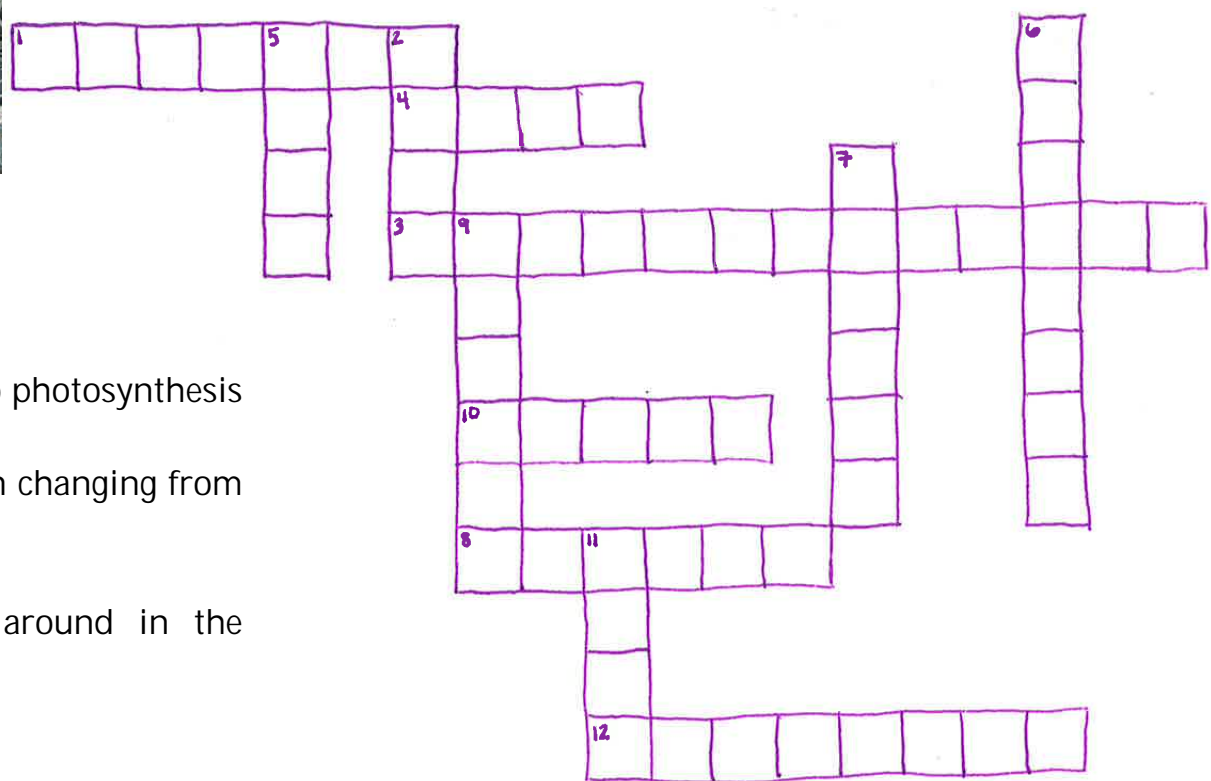
Crossword Clues

Across

1. I have blooms and buds. I undergo photosynthesis when making my food.
3. A butterfly goes through this when changing from a caterpillar into a butterfly.
4. Very tall and covered in bark.
8. I have a fluffy tail and hop around in the springtime.
10. A Dutch springtime flower.
12. Another name for a baby duck.

Down

2. I hold up plants and am green.
5. Around Easter time you dye these different colors.
6. This is very bright and yellow.
7. I am a season that has flowers and am also a bouncy object.
9. I am a spring holiday with a popular bunny.
11. I have wings for flying and love to tweet a tune.



Artist: Paige Loveric

Read the next issue for the crossword key!

GET SMART

The Remsen Drama Club put another great performance this year of *Get Smart* on March 10th and 11th. The audience gave the performance rave reviews for weeks after the play's completion. In true Remsen Drama Club fashion, the performance switched the traditional male role of Maxwell Smart to Maxine Smart, as played by Julia Roos, and Agent 99, Smart's assistant, was played by Shaun Graves. Julia and Shaun were quite the entertaining duo as Julia did an amazing job taking on the mannerisms of a rather conspicuous spy and Shaun delivered his fair share of jokes. Professor Dante, played by a Harry Potter-esque Christa Fransman, created a weapon of mass destruction, the Inthermo.



CONTROL may have allowed that weapon to fall in with the wrong crowd when Smart pulled Agent 44, played by Megan O'Brien, away from her garbage-filled trash can. Perhaps it was the kidnapping of the blondes, played by Kirsten Waterbury, Olivia Stanford, Julia Woolheater, and Evelyn Morgan, that caused Max to be distracted. Ethan Kenny did a fantastic job as the chief and was able to exercise his ability to yell in frustration and aggravation when his agents were caught in a few blunders. (He still left the audience wondering if maybe he wasn't acting that much after all.) Daniel Tripoli II did an outstanding job channeling his inner evil side while playing Mr. Big. (The power of chaos sure did compel him!) And not to be overlooked was Mr. Big's ability to convince Ms. Finch, played by Brooke Green, and Dr. Zalinka, played by Olivia Hajdasz, to cross over to the dark side abandoning the U.S.'s spy agency, CONTROL. Rachel Carrock took on the hilarious role of Garth, one of Mr. Big's "cronies," and the crowd loved when Agent 13, played by McKenzie Finn, knocked Garth out with the old locker trick.

Other hilarious moments took place when the Wongs, played by Molly Barton, Meaghan Cooley, and McKenzie Finn, took Princess Ingrid, played by Sydney Boucher, under their evil wings-or better yet, kimonos, and the audience certainly remembered when Smart misunderstood the directive about the 22 F Cigarette Lighter-Gun, given by Hodgkins, played by Ty Bowers, and smashed the Chief's aquarium full of tropical fish. Although their parts were small, Cameron Bronson, who played Fred, had his fair share of jokes wondering where all the noise from Smart's shoe-phone was coming from, and Abby Barton and Ryan Staskoski were a hoot as they came out dressed as an adorable elderly couple who were equally as excited and aggravated over a Mets doubleheader win. The show could not have gone on if it wasn't for Jeffrey Klossner's narration and stage management, and it must be stated that Rachel Carrock outdid herself on this year's set design!

Congratulations on another job well done, Drama Club, and good luck to our graduating seniors next year! Julia, Ethan, and Daniel will be sorely missed!

-Mrs. Cooper

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